



Weekly audited distribution (51 weeks) to 31/12/16 - **46,026**
(GEM Series). Audited by David Pinder & Co Ltd. Chartered Accountants.

www.glamorgan-gem.co.uk

THURSDAY APRIL 6TH, 2017



First Minister's extension call on biomass consultation

Protesters gathered outside Barry's Memorial Hall.
IMAGE BY DAVID ALEXANDER

THE First Minister of Wales, Carwyn Jones AM, has called on Natural Resources Wales to extend the deadline for the consultation on the permit for the biomass plant at Barry docks.

Mr Jones wrote to Natural Resources Wales on Tuesday, April 4, this week.

He said: "At a recent 'Carwyn Connect' event I held in Barry, local residents raised their concerns regarding an application for an environmental permit made by Biomass UK No. 2, to operate a renewable energy facility in Barry.

"I understand the current determination date for the permit application is May 8, 2017. Many residents



expressed their views and entered the building that the consultation from a different timeline was not sufficient...

One protester told The GEM: "Inside, he faced some very taxing questions on the possible to extend the incinerator particularly from Barry resident and protester Alexis Liasatos."

The previous day, protesters had gathered outside the Memorial Hall keen to impress upon Mr Jones their anger that the gasification plant under construction on the docks may be granted a licence.

CONTINUED
ON PAGE 3



GlastonBARRY'S 'Big Top' tribute selling out fast

GLASTONBARRY, the town's nationally famous tribute festival, will have a 4,000 capacity 'big top arena' this July, writes TIM CHAPMAN.

People travel from as far away as America, New Zealand and parts of Europe to sample the wonderful atmosphere at one of the UK's most

popular rock shows. This year's event takes place at Romilly Park on Saturday, July 29 and Sunday, July 30.

Ross Mackintosh of Mack Events told The GEM: "After announcing the line up for GlastonBARRY Tribute Festival only last month, we have amazingly sold out of the VIP tickets."

CONTINUED ON PAGE 3

The library in Dinas Powys welcomed year-4 pupils recently to encourage youth membership – for full story, see page 4.

INSTALL Integrated Skips LTD

We will not be beaten on any written quotation for the Barry area.



- All sizes available
- Delivered & Collected
- Waste Collection Service
- Free surveys and estimates
- Labour hire to load your skip
- Grab hire & Plant hire
- 95% of our waste is recycled
- Domestic & Commercial
- Council/highway permits arranged
- Roll On Roll Off 15-50 Yards

MINI
MIDI
MAXI
XL MAXI

Unit 12F, Atlantic Trading Estate,
Barry CF63 3RF. Tel: 01446 421072
Email: installskips@hotmail.com

THE ORIGINAL
Salt Water
SANDAL
again at
Ogam Igam

5 Royal Buildings
Penarth CF64 3EB
tel. 029 20704254
corner of Station Approach, by the station

www.ogamigam.com

RAN Hire and Sales Ltd
GIVE YOUR GARDEN A MAKEOVER



- Aerator
- Shredders
- Scarifiers
- Cement Mixers
- Mowers/Strimmers
- Mini Excavators
- Turf Cutters
- Pressure Washers
- Rotovators
- Plate Compactors

...AND DON'T FORGET,
WE SERVICE MOWERS TOO!

01446 737301
BROAD STREET, BARRY

HIRE ASSOCIATION MEMBER



Waste Carrier Number
CB/LE5004GH



NSPCC CAMPAIGN PROTECTS CHILDREN

IT'S taken two years, but from April 3 the UK Government is finally enforcing a much-needed law that will make it illegal for adults to send sexual messages to children.

Incredibly, before this law was put into place, police couldn't arrest adults who groomed young people in Wales and England in this way and could only take action if they met a child.

Our NSPCC 'Flaw in the Law' campaign demanding this change gained widespread support when it was launched with more than 50,000 people calling for action. The Government passed the anti-grooming law in 2015, but it inexplicably sat on the statute books for two years without being enacted.

After continuous campaigning from all our supporters, the Secretary of State for

Time to economise on the use of paper

We are being constantly warned of cutbacks, so why do the Vale Council and governments waste so much paper?

My wife and I recently received separately addressed two-page letters from both the Vale Council and from the Pension Service.

In all four cases, the information on the second page occupied less than half the sheet, so could easily have been printed on the back of the main sheet.

Looking back, I remember this has been the case over the several years we have dealt with these services; so, multiplying the amount by the huge number of people to whom these services have written, the amount saved could go so way to ease the shortages about which councils and government departments are complaining.

(Name and address supplied)

W JAMES & SONS FUNERAL DIRECTORS

FONMON, RHOOSE, NEAR BARRY
ESTABLISHED 1860

Independent family business with 24 hours personal service covering Barry and the Vale of Glamorgan

PRIVATE CHAPEL OF REST
Tel Rhoose
(01446) 710096

The Glamorgan GEM • Contact us...

Tel: 01446 774484 • Fax: 01446 774108

FACEBOOK: GlamorganGEM / TWITTER: gem_news • sport_gem

News Submissions: editorial@glamorgan-gem.co.uk

Editor Don John: don.john@glamorgan-gem.co.uk

Tim Chapman tim.chapman@glamorgan-gem.co.uk / TWITTER @TimGlamorganGEM

Philip Irwin philip.irwin@glamorgan-gem.co.uk / TWITTER @PhilipGlamGEM

Advertising/Distribution/Classified/Notices: sales@glamorgan-gem.co.uk

Sales Manager: jan.irving@glamorgan-gem.co.uk • Sales: wendy.snatchfold@glamorgan-gem.co.uk

vanessa.james@glamorgan-gem.co.uk • aimee.wilson@glamorgan-gem.co.uk

www.glamorgan-gem.co.uk

Readers' Letters

Please keep your letters BRIEF and address them to: The Editor, at Glamorgan GEM Ltd, Graig House, 53 Eastgate, Cowbridge CF71 7EL or email editorial@glamorgan-gem.co.uk

Letters and e-mails MUST include your FULL address and a contact telephone number.

An email address alone is not sufficient!

We reserve the right to edit all letters. We do NOT accept anonymous mail.

CONCERNS FOR RESIDENTS NEAR THE DOCK AREA

READ with interest the article in The GEM on March 30 in which the Vale Leader gave his views and advice on the imminent decision for a permit to allow the incinerator to begin operations on the docks.

Government support needed for autism charity

IT was announced last week that there will be an extra £7m of support given to increase Wales' autism services.

While I welcome more money for autism, I would be keen for some of it to be used to support an autism charity in Cardiff where I regularly attend, called Autism Spectrum Connections Cymru. I recently wrote to Rebecca Evans, Welsh Government Minister for Social Services and Public Health, to consider my proposal for providing funding to this charity.

Autism Spectrum Connections Cymru is a specialist centre that provides an open drop-in service for individuals living with autism in Cardiff and the surrounding area.

This drop-in service is unique, because it provides the facility for individuals living with autism to seek daily advice on issues that occur in every day life.

It provides the service users with post diagnostic support, employment workshops, work related support, one-to-one support,

social groups for those who seek new friendships as well as many more issues.

This service is invaluable. It has become a very important part of my life and for many others who also regularly use the service. The Welsh

Government replied to me and I received what was, in my opinion, a very generic response which only raised further questions. As a result, I've launched an online petition calling for the Welsh Government to give funding to this charity.

We wish to seek reassurance that this charity will always remain open and fully funded, which is the key message in this petition. This petition already has over 100 signatures.

The petition can be found at

https://www.change.org/p/welsh-assembly-government-demand-funding-from-the-welsh-government-to-support-autism-spectrum-connections-cymru/recruiter=377511476&utm_source=share_petition&utm_medium=facebook&utm_campaign=share_for_starters_page&utm_term=des-lg_no_src-no_msg.

Aled Thomas, Penarth.

I was left with a number of concerns that the Leader did not allay, including:

What is the possible impact on the future development of the docks area?

What is the possible impact on health issues in the town?

What is the possible impact on tourism?

How will the town's economy be impacted if the east and middle of the docks is blighted?

How will employment prospects be impacted when other industries do not take up developments on the east and middle of the docks?

Will the only future development on the docks be similar polluting development?

Will house prices be adversely affected, especially on the west docks area and Dock View Road?

The town has been making good progress over the last few years on a limited budget to improve its standing, but surely by introducing this type of industry into the heart of the town the Vale has set back the town's prospects considerably and has shown a callous disregard for the health and well-being of our community.

Dennis Clarke, Vale of Glamorgan.

Boy racers endanger lives on Eglwys Brewis

WHAT has happened to Eglwys Brewis? Please report any boy racers on the estate, it's only a matter of time before a child is knocked down!

This was a lovely estate years ago, but not anymore. It's the same people who drive fast around the estate, and need to be reported to local police.

I was looking out the window on Friday and there was a man riding around on a loud motorbike with no helmet and a young child sitting in front of him, this went on for about an hour, no police to be seen!

One man drives into

the estate at such speed that I'm afraid what might happen if a child steps out.

We need speed ramps around this estate to stop the chosen few that spoil it for others.

The good residents of Eglwys Brewis should keep an eye out for the boy racers and the loud music that is played at all hours from cars. Take the

registration number and report it to local police, you don't even have to give your name.

It's the only way these idiots are kept under control and all the decent people can benefit too!

(Name and address supplied)

QUESTIONS OVER BIOMASS PLANT

"it's only Barry"

I was at an extraordinary meeting of the Barry Town Council and it was evident that among the Labour town councillors present, there were some who also sit on the Vale Council – and who voted in favour of the Biomass plant. The Town Council meeting voted unanimously in favour of setting a budget of £10,000 for the purposes of commissioning expert opinion in cases such as this, so in effect some councillors were voting against themselves!

I must command the Town Council for finding the funds and having the courage to carry out work the Vale should have done.

Andy Griffiths
Independent candidate for Court Ward, Barry

'Tank tracks better than Llandow road'

WHAT an excellent letter from Chris Coade (The GEM, March 23) with regard to the recycling centre at Llandow.

The road has deteriorated to such an extent that I have seen tank tracks on Salisbury Plain in better condition.

I went recently from Llantwit Major to the recycling centre in Sully – a round trip of 30 miles – to dispose of my excess rubbish, but necessary, if it is to be done properly and safely.

The plus side is that you can call into Morrisons in Barry on the way back for a coffee and doughnut. No doubt someone on the council will wake up to the problem someday.

David Satherley, Llantwit Major.

COUNCIL TAX BILLS INCREASE

LAST week, Labour councillors voted for yet another council tax rise in April, which will see residents' bills rising once again.

Since 2012, the Labour-run Vale of Glamorgan Council has cost the average Barry household £585 in cumulative council tax hikes.

If that wasn't bad enough, bus services remain in decline and we have yet to receive assurances from the council that they won't move towards monthly bin collections here, as they have in many other

We are fortunate enough to be elected you can rest assured that we would join

Conservative colleagues in fighting tooth and nail to keep council tax bills down!

Vincent Bailey and Leighton Rowlands, Conservative candidates for Dyfan ward.

Balancing gripes on Britain's NHS

I write to express my gratitude for the care I received at the Princess of Wales Hospital last Saturday morning; it was excellent!

I hope this note may balance many of the 'gripes' that the press receive and publish!

Thank you to the staff – I award five stars!

John A Morgan, St Athan.

We abide by the code of practice upheld by the Independent Press Standards Organisation (IPSO). This contains provisions for issues such as accuracy.

If you have a complaint, write to us at the address below, left, or call editorial manager Don John on 01446 774484. All complaints will be fully investigated. If you are not satisfied with the outcome, you may wish to contact IPSO, Gate House, 1 Farrington Street, London EC4M 7LG

Website: www.ipso.co.uk. Tel: 0300 123 2220.

E-Mail: complaints@ipso.co.uk.

Enquiries: inquiries@ipso.co.uk.



Published by: Glamorgan GEM Ltd, Graig House, 53 Eastgate, Cowbridge, CF71 7EL. Printed by TMP, Cardiff CF24 5HJ

Penarth man (50) had 549 indecent images of children on home computer

MORE than 500 pornographic pictures of children, some as young as four, were discovered by police officers when they examined computers being used by a Penarth man, Cardiff Crown Court has heard, writes AJ SICLUNA.

David Parton (50) of Windsor Road, was said by Recorder Simon Mills to "have some sort of sexual fetish for spanking".

Parton, a man with no previous convictions, admitted three charges of possessing indecent pictures of children and one of distributing an indecent photograph.

Prosecutor David Pugh said that police went to Parton's home

on September 5 last year, where he lived with his wife. He showed officers that he had uploaded movies and pictures of children.

He was cautioned, and he made no reply. A number of computers were removed and examined and a total of 549 indecent images were found – 44 of category A, the most serious; 112 of category B and 397 of category C.

Parton later told the police: "I am looking at jail time."

He admitted that he had been viewing images for four or five years and had an interest in spanking.

He said he had never wanted to actually participate in such activity and needed help.

Mr Pugh said Parton had been remanded in custody because there had been a danger of him self-harming.

Before mitigation by his

counsel, Kevin Seal, the Recorder said he had read a moving letter from Parton's wife.

Mr Seal said he had been in custody since March 7 and was the first to acknowledge he must be punished. He said his wife did not condone his behaviour in any way but she, an intelligent person, was prepared to support him.

The Recorder pointed out Parton had made admissions from the start, assisted the police, expressed remorse and pleaded guilty at the first opportunity.

He was jailed for 12 months, suspended for two years and ordered to carry out 100 hours unpaid work, be subject to a Sexual Harm Prevention Order for 10 years and to register as a sex offender for 10 years.

It was ordered that his computer equipment be forfeited.

The GlastonBARRY festival set to sell out!



Mack Events are getting the UK's top tribute bands to Barry, including eleven piece band – 'The Stevie Wonder Experience'

CONTINUED
FROM PAGE 1

Ross added: "We've also already sold thousands of 'early bird' weekend discount tickets. We are well on our way to a record sell-out."

He said people keen to attend shouldn't leave it until the last moment to get a ticket otherwise they might miss out.

Matt Blumberg, also of Mack Events, emphasised that the festival was more ambitious than ever.

"The great news is this year we have a huge 4,000 capacity circus big top arena to house everyone, so whatever the weather, everyone is covered."

"We have two stages – a main one and an outside stage as well, a



GlastonBARRY'S 'Big Top'.

huge selection of food vendors and of course a bar.

"One of the reasons why GlastonBARRY is so popular is how reasonably priced we are. We have done a lot of research and we

haven't come across anyone on the UK scene who can match what we are doing."

This year's line-up includes Prince tribute band – 'Purple Rain'; David Bowie tribute – 'Absolute Bowie';

Oasis tribute – 'Oasish'; UB40 tribute – 'Johnny2Bad'; ACDC tribute – 'ACDC UK'; Kings of Leon tribute – 'The Four Kicks'; The Jam tribute 'The Jamd'; Stereophonics tribute – 'Stereotonics'; Bryan Adams tribute – 'The Bryan Adams Effect'; The Verve tribute – 'Verve UK'; and a Ska tribute to be confirmed.

Back by popular demand from London's West End will be 'The Valli Boys', as well as some popular local cover bands and special guests.

For ticket information, go to www.glastonbarry.com; or call the Box Office at 01446 737339; tickets are also available at The Piccolo Bar, Barry Island.

Biomass protest



CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Local AM Jane Hutt, who has encouraged residents to respond to the consultation, told The GEM: "I am pleased that the First Minister has called on NRW to extend the deadline for this consultation.

"I have supported residents every step of the way since the original application was proposed eight years ago – submitting objections to the multiple planning applications associated with this development."

Residents can contact NRW at: permittingconsultations@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk or can pick up documents from Barry Library"

Simone's K-9 Cutz

All Aspects of Dog Grooming

Also available home boarding, pet sitting & dog walking
Simone & Lydia welcome you and your furry friends



**NOW
OPEN**
at 25 Thompson
Street, Barry

Simone Stacey Smith, formerly of The Groom Room at Pets at Home & Sleek & Chic has over 20 years experience.
• Air Conditioned Premises
• Doggy Creche available from 1 hour to all day

Tel: 07907 485398



**25% OFF all tiles when
purchasing a full bathroom suite***

CARDIFF
bathroom
CENTRE



Cardiff Bathroom Centre, Hadfield Road, Cardiff CF11 8PW
Tel 029 2034 0861 • www.cardiffbathroomcentre.com
info@cardiffbathroomcentre.com

*Discount off the
full retail list price

Add us on: [Facebook](#) Follow us on: [Twitter](#)

Dinas Powys Community Library welcomes a host of new members



St Andrews and Dinas Powys Primary School pupils, with library trustees Keith Hatton and Chris Franks, choosing their books.

DINAS POWYS COMMUNITY LIBRARY has welcomed year-4 pupils – as part of the ‘every child a library member’ scheme.

Each year-4 pupil from St Andrews School and Dinas Powys Primary received a special library card, along with a bag for their library books. There was a question and answer session and the children made suggestions to improve what is on offer. Chris Franks, chair of the library trust, explained: “The community library is now run by volunteers and is very keen to develop links across the community. The children

were very enthusiastic and were brimming with ideas.

“I would also like to thank everybody who supported our first big fundraiser. Emry Wyn Jones, baritone, accompanied by Conal Bembridge Sayers on piano performed to a full house in the Parish Hall.

“Both are graduates of the Welsh College of Music and Drama. It was an outstanding evening with music including Vagabond, Der Gartnes, Bright is the Ring, Pan Ddaw’s Nos, Some Enchanted Evening, Dafydd y Garren Wen and Captain Stratton.

“We were also grateful for support from Nisa Stores, Cardiff Road, Royal India and Head to Head.”

Ramblers in the shadow of Beacons

EIGHT WALKERS JOINED RACHEL FROM PENARTH AND DISTRICT RAMBLERS FOR A WALK STARTING IN BEDDAU IN GLORIOUS SUNSHINE WHICH REMAINED ALL DAY.

Following quiet roads to the 17th century house known as Castellau with a picturesquely duck pond directly opposite, fields and woodland tracks led them across the Nant Castellau and uphill to reach Tonyrefail Road.

Heading through marshy fields, a descent

through Tyla-Winder and a paddle across a stream led them uphill beside an old drystone wall onto forestry paths at Mynydd Gelliwion with views over the Taff Valley.

Exiting onto open access land with stunning, but misty, views up to the peaks of the central Brecon Beacons, a descent over rough ground brought them to a quiet lane for lunch in warm sunshine on a farm wall, before a further descent to reach Treferig House, owned by the Bevan family and the centre of a flourishing

Quaker movement during the mid-1600s.

Following a path along the old railway line beside the Nant Muchedd led them to the early 17th century Treferig Isha, now a working farm but once a Quaker meeting house. Open fields led them back to the road for the journey back to their start point.

The following day, Mothering Sunday, five walkers were lured out to join Robin and Pepper in the Brecon Beacons National Park, beginning from the Storey Arms in sunshine but with a brisk wind reminding everyone it was still only March.

Heading steeply uphill from Pont yr Daf on the well-trodden path towards Corn Du, before deviating across rough ground to Y Glyn below Pen y Fan, a tramp along the ridge led to a descent to Carno Wood for a sheltered morning coffee.

Pathways through the National Trust woodland full of spring birdsong led out onto the Taff Trail, then across a footbridge over the Afon Tarell for a pleasant journey upstream through the pretty Tarell Valley for lunch in warm sunshine.

The major climb of the day was by field up to the A470 and through the lovely cwm below the craggy cliffs, leading them to the top of Craig Cerrig-Gleisiad with stunning views of Pen y Fan and Corn Du, still with a dusting of snow on their peaks.

Heading around the contours of the hillside below Rhos Dringarth led them back down to the Storey Arms for the journey home.

Montserrat Caballe, the Spanish operatic star, who has a particularly large mouth, was once attacked by a fly while singing and had great difficulty in avoiding swallowing it.

The vote of thanks was given by Graham Russell.

A stage manager's nightmare for the Probus Club!

ON MARCH 28, JOHN RICHARDSON GAVE A TALK TO DINAS POWYS PROBUS CLUB ABOUT HIS CAREER AS A STAGE MANAGER AND THE ASSOCIATED TRAUMAS AND JOYS OF BEING RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING THAT ‘THE SHOW MUST GO ON’.

Starting with the Arts Council and touring for four years with small repertory companies, he spent time with the English and Scottish Opera Companies, responsible for curtains, props, etc.

John was later involved with many pantomimes, a critical job being to ensure that the actors' microphones were switched off when leaving the stage to avoid any scathing comments about the audience being broadcast to them.

John then described the various roles of backstage staff in a theatre including the stage manager – traditionally a draconian figure, who is in overall charge.

Curtains were often a

theatres, school halls and the like. Do they go up and down, or sideways or draped to either sides or do they even work?

The start of a performance at Sadlers Wells was delayed with the actors on stage and the conductor's baton poised, because someone had forgotten to dim the house lights.

John admitted to once being confused about which light switch did what and ruining the final death-bed scene of *La Traviata* by switching on, in a panic, red, blue and green lights instead of dimming the stage.

John admitted to once being confused about which light switch did what and ruining the final death-bed scene of *La Traviata* by switching on, in a panic, red, blue and green lights instead of dimming the stage.

Animals and birds were always potential nightmares – horses in particular, who were nervous on stage with predictable results, which the audiences often found more amusing than the show.

Montserrat Caballe, the Spanish operatic star, who has a particularly large mouth, was once attacked by a fly while singing and had great difficulty in avoiding swallowing it.

The vote of thanks was given by Graham Russell.

JOY STRANGWARD

Suspended sentence for Barry man who sold cannabis to his friends

A DRUG dealer has been jailed for eight months, the sentence suspended for two years at Cardiff Crown Court.

by AJ SICLUNA

Magistrates for supplying cannabis and possessing the drug with intent.

the defendant.

A quantity of drugs was found, scales, plastic bags and £80 in cash and on his mobile phone, texts relating to the supply of cannabis.

He was said to have convictions for 11 offences, including possessing cannabis with intent to supply, and obstructing the police.

His solicitor, Adam Sharp, said he supplied only a small group of close friends in street deals.

“It must be accepted there is a relevant previous conviction. He was a troubled teenager and was at times homeless.”

Independent candidate stands in Rhoose Ward

SAMANTHA CAMPBELL IS A LOCAL INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE STANDING IN THE FORTHCOMING RHOOSE WARD ELECTION.

influenced by party politics.

“I believe local businesses and non-profit organisations should be supported and nurtured.

“There should also be more recreational areas for children

“I intend to make sure that every voice within the village is

heard and to stand up for people's rights and voice their concerns. I welcome opinions from either side of every issue and will make sure every point is heard.

“Please do not hesitate to contact me either via email:

sa_sullivan91@hotmail.com or through my Facebook profile.”

Bowling club's open day

BARRY CENTRAL BOWLING CLUB IS HOLDING AN OPEN DAY ON SATURDAY, APRIL 15 AT 2PM AT GLADSTONE GARDENS, BUTTRILLS ROAD, BARRY, CLOSE TO THE MEMORIAL HALL AND OPPOSITE GLADSTONE SCHOOL.

The club is open from April 16 every day through the summer from 11am to 5pm; all newcomers and beginners are welcome.

Qualified coaches will show beginners how to play – all you need to bring with you is a pair of flat shoes (no heels).

Interested? Contact club secretary Pat Widger on 01446 735260 or call in to the clubhouse.

THE OLD SWAN INN

From Monday 10th April to Thursday 4th May, eat in our new restaurant, buy one main course and get the second one free*.

Offer available on Mondays to Thursdays only, excluding Bank Holidays. Only valid on presentation of this voucher.

* Cheapest main meal is free

THE OLD SWAN INN 01446 792 230

Church Road, Lantwit Major CF61 1SB
www.knifeandforkfood.co.uk/swan

Barry House Clearance

We offer a fast reliable service clearing:

- Houses ● Attics
- Garages
- Outbuildings
- Garden Waste

Household items bought & sold. No job too large or small. Established over 25 years. For free no obligation estimate call:

**Alan - 07950 278284
Steve - 07500 041690**

www.barry-house-clearance.co.uk

CR

Patients' book of poetry is dedicated to Barry-born Liz



Inspirational nurse
Liz Baker.

RIGHT:
At the *Loving
Gratitude* launch
are (from left)
harpist Delyth
Jenkins,
ABMU arts in
health
coordinator Prue
Thimbleby and
poet Cheryl Beer



A BOOK of poems co-written by patients at Morriston Hospital has been dedicated to the memory of one of its creative forces.

Loving Gratitude is a collaboration between patients in the hospital's renal unit, an inspirational nurse and award-winning poet and songwriter Cheryl Beer.

It came about as part of ABMU's arts in health programme, which looks to incorporate the arts into all health board services for the benefit of patients as well as visitors and staff.

Arts in health coordinator Prue Thimbleby teamed up with renal services lead nurse Liz Baker, who was born in Barry, to organise a project which would see Cheryl Beer work with patients having dialysis at Morriston Hospital.

Cheryl visited 56 patients over an eight-month period during their treatment.

Pru said: "She sat down to chat with patients, then took snippets of what they said and read it back to them as poetry. The patients didn't actually put pen to paper. They talked to Cheryl and she took phrases and sentences so it became poem between them.

"Often when Cheryl read the poem back to the patient they said things like 'that's exactly right - you have captured it perfectly'. It is effective because it is a shared writing process.

During the project a theme began to emerge - the overwhelming gratitude of patients towards their family and carers, to the medical teams, to having access to treatment and, ultimately, the gift of life.

Sadly, Liz Baker passed away last month after a short illness, just weeks before *Loving Gratitude* official launch at Morriston

Hospital. Liz was a nurse for 38 years, 32 of them spent at Morriston Hospital. During this time she established and built up the network of renal services across south west Wales.

More recently, she led on the modernisation of facilities for renal patients in Morriston Hospital. She also helped develop an MSc syllabus at Cardiff University.

The anthology, subtitled *The Poetics of Renal Dialysis*, is dedicated to Liz's memory.

Her family and friends were invited to the launch.

Liz's sister Angela Baker said: "This wonderful book of poetry is a fitting tribute to our dear sister Liz, who dedicated her life to the care of her patients.

Copies of the book are available from Prue (Prue.Thimbleby@wales.nhs.uk) for £3, with proceeds supporting future arts projects for renal patients.

Deadline looms for objections to biomass scheme

VALE AM Jane Hutt is submitting objections to the environmental permit application by Biomass UK No 2 Ltd for the energy plant at Barry Docks. The deadline for objections is May 8.

The AM has submitted many objections since the scheme was first proposed eight years ago and in response to concerns raised by local residents, she recently chaired a public meeting in Castledale Community Centre and invited Natural Resources Wales (the permitting authority) to answer questions from the public.

These questions covered a wide variety of issues such as pollution, planning process and risk fears.

Ms Hutt said: "I have supported residents

every step of the way since the original application was proposed eight years ago - submitting objections to the multiple planning applications associated with this development.

"I recently chaired a public meeting on this issue and arranged for NRW to attend in order to directly answer the many questions that the public rightly have about this development.

"I have made the minutes from this meeting available on my website and facebook page.

"Following my meeting, I arranged for copies of the environmental permit application consultation to be available at Barry Library.

"Residents can also contact NRW at permittingconsultations@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk."

500 people sign petition Vale Council agrees to an investigation into traffic on Barry Road

A PETITION organised by a Barry councillor to improve road safety on Barry Road has been accepted by the Vale Council.

He added: "I am

pleased to report that after presenting the petition to the Mayor, the council are now going to look at doing something. As a consequence of the petition, I am pleased to report that the council has agreed to carry out a comprehensive traffic investigation of Barry

Local councillor Richard Bertin said: "Having listened to the scale of the investigatory concerns of local work that the Highways department are to carry out, they cannot give a something had to be time frame for completion but promise to keep locals informed."

"Around 500 people

MULTI-PAIR LENS OFFERS IN-STORE

Terms and conditions apply.

CALL US ON 01446 735130
TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT

annette dobbs eyecare

40 Tynnewydd Road, Barry, Vale of Glamorgan CF62 8AZ

Once they're gone, they're gone - Don't miss it!

THESE PRICES CAN NOT BE REPEATED!

Unit 1, Retail Area,
Ulandow Ind. Est.,
Nr Cowbridge, CF71 7PA
Tel: (01446) 773220/772828
SAT NAV CF71 7PA

NORMAL OPENING HOURS
MON-TUES WED & FRI 9am-5.30pm, OPEN LATE EVENG.
THURSDAY 9am-8pm, SAT 9am-10.30pm, SUN 11am-5pm

www.thelplaceforhomesltd.co.uk



The Place for Homes,
Ulandow, Cowbridge...
ONLY 15 MINUTES
from Culverhouse Cross

Visit our website at:
www.thelplaceforhomesltd.co.uk
Enquiries email: sales@thelplaceforhomesltd.co.uk

The Big Spring Event

Half Price

plus

EXTRA DISCOUNTS

OFF ALL SALE PRICES

NOW IN THE FINAL WEEK!!!

£1499
EXTRA DISCOUNT PRICE

£2260
SAVE



Was £3759 Sale £1879

£389
EXTRA DISCOUNT PRICE

£399
EXTRA DISCOUNT PRICE

£399
EXTRA DISCOUNT PRICE

£299
FROM ONLY



Was £979 Sale £489



Was £999 Sale £499

Country Cottage Cross Dining Table



IMPERIO BEDS
Imperio Beds

FROM ONLY £299

FWHomestores Spring Sale is now on at our Cardiff Superstore

Make sure you get down to our superstore early to take advantage of EXTRA DISCOUNTS off ALL SALE PRICES. But hurry EXTRA DISCOUNTS are now in the final week.

Get the look for less in our Spring Event

Mode Real Leather Corner Sofa



Sofas . Dining . Beds . Bedroom . Accessories

The Must Have brand for your home



www.fwhomestores.co.uk

Unit 5, Freemans Park, Penarth Road, Cardiff, CF11 8TU. Tel: 02920 371970

Open 7 Days



John Moore (CJCH Solicitors), David Williams (head of PE), John Moyle (CJCH Solicitors) and David Manley with the squad in their new kit.

Local companies help kit out Barry Comprehensive sports squad for Catalonian tour

BARRY
Comprehensive School's under-14 rugby squad has received receive its tour kit as the teams prepare for their trip to Barcelona.

The squad of 35 boys left for Spain on April 5, and will really look the part on their challenging tour reported a spokesperson. Barry solicitors CJCH have provided the team with T-shirts and hoodies, while Merthyr-based Hoover Limited made a large contribution towards the jerseys.

The group have also been given a set of polo shirts to wear to certain events by South Wales Monuments of Caerphilly.

Whilst in Spain the A and B squads will each play two matches against local opposition, as well as playing in the Girona regional tournament and even on their rest day will take on local opposition in a football match.

Tour organiser Mr Manley said: "The level of support we have received is incredible, CJCH Solicitors have supported us throughout our planning and are always pleased to help us, I can't thank them enough."

"Hoover, who are from 30 miles away and South Wales Monuments from Caerphilly have also helped us considerably and the fact they are not really from our area makes their donations very special."

Mr Manley added: "When you are taking a group of this size away it becomes very expensive and without the help and support of these fantastic companies the cost to parents would become impossible to meet. The boys can't wait for the tour and I just want to thank everyone for their kind support."



John Moyle, CJCH Solicitors, presenting Mr Manley with the new tour kit.

National award for apprentice

AN apprentice from Barry trained by Bridgend recruitment and training company, JGR, has won a national award.

One of JGR's most successful apprentices, Josie Smith, was among 16 apprentices working in Wales to have their hard work and dedication celebrated at the Quality Skills Alliance Annual Awards, which recognises the best apprentices in the region.

Employers and practitioners who have gone that extra mile in their commitment to work-based learning were also recognised at the ceremony, held in the Cardiff and Vale College's City Centre Campus.

The winners were chosen by a panel comprising the QSA's chief chair, CAVC chief executive Kay Martin, and board.

Josie is currently a PA/medical secretary for Cardiff Sports Orthopaedics based at Spire Cardiff Hospital.

The 24-year-old, who recently featured in JGR's National Apprenticeship Week campaign, won the



Josie Smith (right) with her Management Apprentice of the Year award.

Management Apprentice eventually progress into a managerial role in the

Josie said: "I was 17, years ahead. had just done a medical secretary's course and the requirements and JGR got me an commitment she would

apprenticeship with a GP surgery and I've progressed from there. "She did not disappoint us, or herself.

At every stage, she submitted evidence of a high standard to meet the qualifications criteria.

"With continuous contact, we have been able to encourage and support her to learn and gain more knowledge and experience.

"Josie is a credit to both JGR Training and her employers."

RNLI visitor centre opens at Barry Island



The RNLI visitor centre was officially opened on March 31.



A RACE against the clock to kit up in time for an emergency RNLI lifeboat launch... getting to grips with the second highest tidal range in the world... or finding out how lifeguards help a lost child find their family on the beach – just some of the things in store for the first guests through the doors at a new RNLI visitor centre dedicated specifically to keeping kids safer at the beach.

The RNLI's Barry Island Visitor Centre opened on March 31 giving guests a first glimpse at its range of interactive displays and activities aimed at keeping the public safe in and around local waters.

The RNLI hopes between 20,000 and 30,000 people will drop in throughout the summer.

The visitor centre, which is in the former tourist information centre on Paget Street above Whitmore Bay, is one of only two

RNLI visitor centres anywhere in the UK not at a lifeboat station and is the first 'prevention led visitor centre' specifically aiming to reduce drowning and incidents in or around the water.

Children will be able to see what it is like to be an RNLI lifeboat crew member by hopping into a D-class inshore lifeboat while hearing rescue stories from volunteers.

There are also games and displays aimed at teaching youngsters about the specific dangers of the waters around Barry Island, including a tide tank highlighting the huge tidal range of the Bristol Channel, which is second only in the world to the Bay of Fundy in Canada.

There are also 'spot-the-danger' games, where youngsters can identify rip currents and other sea hazards and a chance to kit up a lifeboat crew member quick enough to make a rescue launch.

Julie Sanby, RNLI visitor experience manager, said: "This was a hugely exciting day for the RNLI as this is the charity's first visitor centre anywhere in the UK

specifically dedicated to drowning prevention and keeping people safe in and around the waters of the local area.

"The RNLI's vision is to end preventable loss of life at sea and we hope the centre will build upon the safety education and drowning prevention work already being done in the area by Barry Dock Lifeboat station volunteers and our lifeguard teams.

"Many of the families who visit Whitmore Bay don't have a lot of coastal experience. We hope families who visit the centre will learn key safety tips and be better equipped to enjoy the area's beautiful coastline safely and know what to do if they do get into trouble."

The centre will be open every day throughout the summer, initially between 12 noon and 4pm and is free to enter. The building also has a meeting room that can be used by the local community.

RNLI lifeguards will be on duty at Whitmore Bay on Barry Island over the Easter Bank Holiday weekend, then every weekend from April 29 until May 27, when their summer daily safety service begins.

Glamorgan Law

YOUR LOCAL LAW FIRM OF CHOICE...

Accident Claims

Divorce & Family Law

Business Law

Clinical Negligence

House Buying & Selling

Wills, Trusts & Probate

Business Disputes

Commercial Property



Glamorgan Law are proud to be merging with JCP Solicitors on 25 April 2017. For more information visit www.jcpsolicitors.co.uk

Visit www.glamlaw.co.uk
or call 01446 771742 to find out more

The Pavilion, 60 Eastgate, Cowbridge



Visit our Open Demo Day

Saturday 8th APRIL 9am to 4pm
at our Cowbridge Showroom

LOTS OF OFFERS!
FREE MINI MAX
BIG GREEN EGG
with every Arctic Spa
sold during April
Subject to
Terms & Conditions

Topstak

Stoves | Kitchens | Outdoors

COWBRIDGE

Unit 42, Vale Business Park, Llandow,
Cowbridge, CF71 7PF Tel: 01446 771567

MONMOUTH

1 Mayhill Ind Est, Staunton Rd,
Monmouth, NP25 3LX Tel: 01600 711710

www.topstak.co.uk | Find us on:

Relatives could not pay for a funeral after carer stole from elderly man

A CARER who systematically stole more than £8,000 from two elderly men he was entrusted to look after has been jailed for 10 months at Cardiff Crown Court.

The grief-stricken relatives of one of the

victims were left devastated when they found they could not pay for his funeral after £6,600 had been taken from his bank account.

Richard Riordan (31) of Teilo's Drive, Brackla, Bridgend, admitted two charges of theft.

Prosecutor John Warren said Riordan

worked for Gabriel's Care of Barry and systematically stole money from two vulnerable clients.

One, Christopher Williams (78), who had a degree of palsy, speech difficulties and limited mobility, had a support worker who looked at his bank statements and saw that

large amounts of cash had been taken from him.

The bank had also texted Mr Williams indicating that there had been suspicious transactions.

Enquiries were made and Riordan was suspended.

Mr Williams said that no-one had permission to take money.

It was believed, said

Mr Warren, that Riordan had viewed and memorised Mr William's bank card PIN and this had been the catalyst for eight or nine transactions

involving a loss of £1,790.

Police made further enquiries which led them to Mr Brian Murray, who died last July aged 66.

"He was an amputee," said Mr Warren, "and used a wheelchair. Riordan was his principal carer and the two got on

extremely well." In December 2015, Riordan offered to do his shopping and Mr Murray gave him his bank card.

The police later examined his bank account and found that Riordan had made a number of transactions resulting in the loss to Mr Murray of £6,621.

When Riordan was arrested, he admitted stealing from Mr Murray, but denied stealing from Mr Williams.

The Recorder, Simon Miller, assured the family that they should feel no guilt concerning Mr Murray, and said they had in no way done anything wrong.

Riordan was said to have a previous conviction of battery and theft concerning when he was working at Cardiff Airport in May 2015 and was spotted on CCTV pocketing cash.

His counsel, Owen

Williams, said: "It is accepted there was a high gross degree of breach of trust, and he has realised he caused harm to the victims and their families."

He said that having read the evidence, Riordan realised the extent of his wrongdoing.

"He is motivated to change and better himself," said Mr Williams.

The Recorder pointed out Mr Riordan's behaviour had harmed both families and that only immediate custodial sentence could be passed.

Bethel Baptist Church, Harbour Road, Barry CF62 5SA WARMLY INVITE YOU TO:

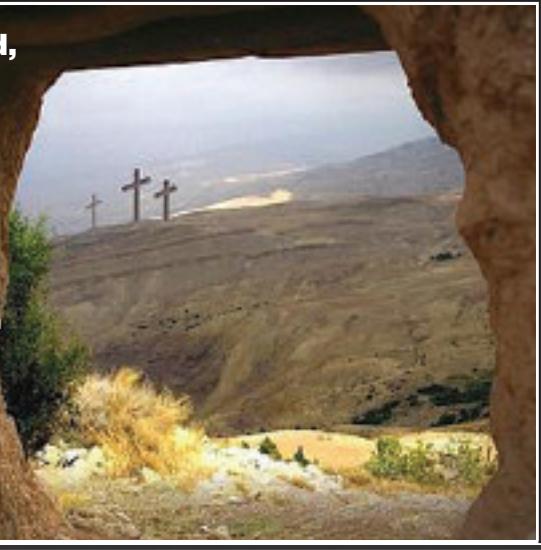
Easter Coffee Morning
Weds. 12th April 10.30am
Tea, Coffee, Hot Cross Buns

Good Friday
Fri. 14th April 10.30am

Family Fun Afternoon
Sat. 15th April 4-6pm
Crafts, Fun, Games
Bible talk and food

Easter all-age service
Sun. 16th April 10.30am
Followed by tea, coffee
& hot cross buns

Jesus was and is so full of love for you that he literally "suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone."



JON WINDOWS

part of EYG group glazing solutions

BUY NOW
PAY 2018

Spring SALE

3 Section
Bi-fold
Doors
from only
£2499
fitted

*Offer applies at point of sale and supersedes all other offers.



Composite
Doors
from only
£699
fitted

*Offer applies at point of sale and supersedes all other offers.



Skypods
3m x 1.5m
£1595
fitted*

*Subject to survey. Other size variations available.



Time to upgrade!

3m x 3m Edwardian conservatory
Including 4 opening windows, French
Doors & glass roof.

from only
£5995
fitted*

*Using existing walls and foundation.

FREEPHONE: 0800 181 888

www.eygwindows.co.uk Unit C2, TY Verlon Ind Est., Cardiff Road, Barry, CF63 2BE.



*Offer applies at point of sale and supersedes all other offers.

Lunches raise funds

DURING March a series of Lent lunches were held at All Saints' Church, Barry.

The first four weeks raised £1,020 for church funds. It was decided that an extra week would be arranged and any money raised would be sent to the East Africa famine appeal.

The extra week raised £550, which included donations from those who could not attend as well as the special raffle. This money is to be sent via Christian Aid to the DEC appeal for the drought/famine areas in East Africa.

Many, many thanks to all those who supported the lunches. We hope to be back in November.

Report by Jen Morgan on behalf of the Soup Ladies.

Easter Family fun day

CADDOXTON Youth Project and team invite the public to attend this event in Victoria Park, Barry on April 15 between 11am and 4pm.

There will be a kids' competition (with prizes), face painting and much more on offer.

All children under 15 years must be accompanied by their parents/guardians or responsible carer.

Youth service honoured for improving lives of young people



Members of the Vale Council collect their Bronze Quality Mark.

THE Vale Council Youth Service was recently awarded the Bronze Quality Mark for youth work – one of the first local

authorities in Wales to receive the honour.

The presentation took place at the Angel Hotel in Cardiff after a conference opened by Alun Davies, Minister for Lifelong Learning and Welsh Language.

At the end of the conference, Sally Holland, Children's Commissioner for Wales, handed Vale Youth Service its prize.

Paula Ham, Vale of Glamorgan Council director of learning and skills, said: "I am so pleased that the hard work, positivity and commitment of the youth service to improving outcomes for young people has been formally recognised."

COFFEE AND BOOKS!

MEGA book sale and coffee morning on April 8 from 10.30am – 1pm at Trinity Methodist Church, Woodland Place, Penarth.

A spokesperson said: "Good quality secondhand books of almost every genre will be on sale along with refreshments, baked goods and a raffle.

"All profits go to Penarth singer-songwriter Martyn Joseph's charity – the Let Yourself Trust – which does work both in the UK and all over the world. The book sale is free to enter and everyone is welcome, so do come along and join us."

Introduction of postal bowel cancer test kit 'proves popular'

ACCORDING to research, 56 per cent of people living in the Vale sent a bowel cancer screening test in the post actually complete it: that's four in 10 Vale residents whose lives may be at risk.

Bowel Cancer UK, a cancer research charity, is encouraging people living in the Vale to take part in the screening programme as part of Bowel Cancer Awareness Month in this month.

It is estimated that in April alone in Wales, nearly 191 people will be diagnosed with bowel cancer and 82 people will die of the disease. However, bowel cancer is treatable and curable, especially if diagnosed early.

Uptake rates for bowel cancer screening are low with variations across Wales. The bottom five areas that need to see the

Recipients carry out the simple test at home in private and it comes with step-by-step instructions. To find out more about bowel cancer and screening, visit: bowelcanceruk.org.uk.

For the latest news and sports stories from your area, visit www.glamorgan-gem.co.uk each day.

Muddy good fun with the Vale Ramblers!

TWENTY members joined the leader, Ian Fraser on the eight-mile Rhymney Valley Ridgeway walk.

Starting at Bedwas, we walked along the ridge enjoying the clear views across the valley towards Caerphilly, its castle

taking place. As we were also using the route, continued on our way, we were able to enjoy the panoramic views that opened up around every corner: in the distance we could clearly make out Corn Du and Pen y Fan, and as we continued we could see the Bristol Channel on the horizon glistening in the afternoon sunshine.

It was a perfect walking day, and a very enjoyable walk. Thanks to Ian for leading the walk.

From Bedwas at the end of the walk we made our way to Toby Inn, Crossways for a well earned post-walk drink. Further information is available at www.valeofglamorganramblers.co.uk, or follow us on Twitter or Facebook.

GWENDA FITZPATRICK

Passover meal in Sully

SULLY Community Church is arranging a Passover meal on Saturday, April 22 at 6.30pm at The Old School, South Road Sully.

There is no charge; there will also be teaching (Exodus 12 v 26).

To book your place, contact Doug on 02920 530816 Hilary on 02920 531181 or email marian.harris@tiscali.co.uk if you would like to attend.

PACT meetings

GIBBONSDOWN PACT at Aberaeron HUB, Aberaeron Close, Barry, every Monday between 10am and 12 noon.

COURT PACT at the Witchill Community Centre, Dyfan Road, Barry, on Thursday, April 13 at 6.30pm.

CASTLELAND PACT at Morrisons supermarket on Saturday, April 15 at 10am.

CADOC PACT at Waitrose, Palmerston Road, Barry, on Tuesday, April 18 between 2pm and 4pm. LLANDOW/EWENNY coffee and chat at the Carne Arms, Llysnewydd at 11am on Tuesday, April 18.

If you have any issues and are unable to attend a meeting, contact 101 for non emergencies or log onto: www.south-wales.police.uk.

The UK's
BIGGEST
solid wood
clearance
outlet

HUNDREDS OF ITEMS IN STOCK AVAILABLE TO TAKE AWAY!

Oakfurniture

SOLID HARDWOOD FURNITURE
AT CLEARANCE PRICES

CLEARANCE

FURTHER MASSIVE REDUCTIONS
ON ALL OUR CLEARANCE STOCK!!
DON'T MISS OUT!
WHEN IT'S GONE - IT'S GONE!

SofaShop
QUALITY SOFAS
AT CLEARANCE PRICES

real leather
sofas



(THE OLD EDDERSHAWNS BUILDING) · HADFIELD ROAD · CARDIFF CF11 8AQ

LATE NIGHT OPENING

CALL: 02921 674230

Monday-Friday 9am-8pm

Saturday 9am - 6pm, Sunday 10.30am - 4.30pm

All images are for illustration purposes only, actual stock may vary.

Local newspapers fuel property market activity

LOCAL newspapers are a catalyst for activity in the property market with local press readers far more likely than average to be considering buying or selling property in the next year, according to independent data.

The chief executive of NAEA Propertymark, the National Association of Estate Agents, said that local newspapers will remain a "key platform" for estate agents for many years to come, because they are so effective.

According to TGI, local press is a particularly effective catalyst for young first time buyers with local press readers in their 20s or 30s – millennials – 160 per cent more likely than average to be expecting to purchase their first home in the next 12 months.

Older local press readers are also far more likely than average to be active in

the property market. Local press readers aged in their 30s, 40s or 50s – Generation X – are 74 per cent more likely than average to be expecting to sell or purchase a house or flat in the next 12 months.

According to Consumer Catalyst, local media – local newspapers and their websites – are the most popular source for keeping an eye on the property market with 56 per cent of people citing estate agent ads in local media as their source compared to 37 per cent, the next highest, who cited property websites such as Rightmove or Zoopla.

Local media drives people to take action – 29 per cent of people looked at property in more detail online after seeing an ad or article in local media.

Mark Hayward, chief executive, NAEA Propertymark, said: "Local newspapers, both print and digital, are an essential platform for estate agents to communicate with the marketplace. They

are highly trusted and, therefore, estate agents rightly see them as effective outlets through which to advertise both properties and the wider services they offer.

"This is important for estate agents who, like local papers, are a part of the communities they serve.

The media landscape is changing but local newspapers will remain a key platform for estate agents and will continue to have a central role to play in property marketing for many years to come."

Local press Gen X readers are 156 per cent more likely to have responded to a residential property classified ad while local press millennial readers are 171 per cent more likely to have responded to a residential property classified ad, and are 121 per cent more likely to have placed one, according to TGI.

British Legion recruits nurses to tackle dementia

THE Royal British Legion is recruiting more Admiral Nurses in Wales to provide additional support to families caring for a loved one with dementia.

Paula Smith, the Legion's Admiral Nurse national lead, said: "The commitment to recruiting new nurses to the Royal British Legion reflects the fact that there is a genuine need to provide more support for families living with dementia in Wales. This will have a really positive impact on the quality of care our

patients receive."

The Royal British Legion Admiral Nurses offer specialist support, information and advice to the carers of people with dementia.

The service has been developed in partnership with Dementia UK, the national charity that provides specialist dementia support for families through Admiral Nursing.

To qualify for support, the carer or the person with dementia needs to be a beneficiary of the Royal British Legion, which includes anyone who has served in the British Armed Forces, their family and their carers.

The Royal British Legion recognises that, with an aging population, there is a need for further investment in dementia care amongst the Armed Forces.

Forces community.

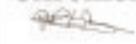
There are almost 200 Admiral Nurses in the UK working in a variety of care settings and they work on some of the most complex cases and provide expert one-to-one practical, clinical and emotional support.

Admiral Nurses are the specialists working in dementia care to focus on improving the physical, psychological and emotional wellbeing of both the carer and the person with dementia.

Paula Smith said: "I feel immensely proud to be an Admiral Nurse because, each day, I have an opportunity to make a real difference, whilst the support of the Royal British Legion and Dementia UK helps us to deliver care where it is most needed."

To apply, visit: www.britishlegion.org.uk/about-us/jobs/

Chronicle



CN
GROUP



CMN
CAPITAL



WYVEX MEDIA



The Shetland Times



KM1



The Shetland Times
News



Scotish
Presbyterian
Press Ltd



CHRONICLE



LIFFE MEDIA



ALPHA
MEDIA GROUP



nwnmedia



UK's regional publishers call on national advertisers to place their trust in local news brands.

Dear Advertiser,

As Google, YouTube and Facebook continue to grapple with the concerns around ads appearing next to extremist content and fake news, we wanted to take this opportunity to draw your attention to the trusted, safe and highly responsive online advertising environment provided by the UK's local news brands and represented by the iXL partnership.

As a premium publisher co-operative, iXL represents over 800 local news brands in the UK with a reach of over 22.7 million people, making us one of the country's largest digital advertising propositions. This ranges from the Shetland Times in the north of Scotland to the Falmouth Packet in Cornwall, and includes large regional brands such as The Yorkshire Post and The Aberdeen Press & Journal. In many of the towns and cities that we publish in, we now reach over 70% of the adult population each month.

Our content is produced by thousands of trained and highly skilled local journalists who spend their days engaging with communities up and down the country through their coverage of the stories and events affecting their readers lives. Our content is regulated by the Independent Press Standards Organisation (IPSO), the independent regulator that holds us to account for our actions and upholds our high standards of journalism. The context in which this puts your advertising increases engagement,

trust and therefore consumer response, giving you better value for money alongside the peace of mind of a safe advertising placement.

Maintaining the integrity of our content and our advertising environment is fundamental to us, and local news brands have always scored extremely well for trust. This was validated by a recent Comscore survey of UK internet users - people said they trusted content on local news sites almost three times more than they did on social media.

Today we publish our **online advertising charter** ([available at \[ixl.co.uk/charter\]\(http://ixl.co.uk/charter\)](http://ixl.co.uk/charter)). The purpose of this is to ensure our advertisers are given the chance to see the standards and processes we work to in order to guarantee that they get the transparency, trust and value that we believe they deserve.

We stand in agreement that local news brands online are now more than ever a great place for you to communicate and market your business and brands to UK consumers.

What's more your advertising helps us to continue to fund much needed, high quality local journalism. We hope you will stand together with us to support our local news brands, many of which have been publishing for over 150 years, as their unique content can continue to be loved and trusted for many generations to come.



ARCHANT



Countip Press



Newbury Weekly News



JOHNSTON PRESS PLC



BAYLIS
MEDIA Ltd



HIGGS



DIGmedia



NEARQUEST Media Group



TINDE
NEWSPAPERS



Independent
Press & Media Ltd



DC Thomson



Bullivantmedia



Speaker's talk on the history of Dyffryn Gardens

THE chairman of Barry Men's Forum welcomed the return of the speaker, Gweryf Gardener, who talked about the local National Trust's newly acquired Dyffryn Estate house and gardens.

The earliest records are of a house at Dyffryn back in the 7th century, but the earliest history of residents she had been able to trace was in the 16th century, when Miles Button, an influential member of Queen Elizabeth I's retinue bought the estate.

One of his four sons, Sir Thomas Button, who was later knighted, followed a successful career in the Royal Navy, rising to the rank of Admiral, alongside the more famous Raleigh. The family supported the Royalists, lost their vast fortune, and had to sell up.

It was purchased by Thomas Pryce, an early iron master, who made his money largely by selling muskets. Due to a lack of heirs, the estate passed to the Rev Thomas Bruce, whose family is well recorded in the church at St Nicholas.

The more recent

occupants were the Cory family. They came from humble beginnings, with a sailing vessel trading around the coast. Richard Cory recognised the developments taking place at Cardiff and moved his family from Bideford.

Setting up in Cardiff as a ship's chandler, his business quickly developed to shipping coal, before he was able to purchase coal mines.

The firm was then inherited by his two sons. It was John Cory who purchased Dyffryn in 1891, soon after his successful involvement with the development of Barry Docks.

Reginald Cory, his son, roamed the world as a 'plant hunter', bringing back many exotic species for the gardens, which remain for us to view to this day.

The next meeting is on April 13, when speaker Sally Mayle will talk about the Bayeux Tapestry.

New members are welcome at £2 per meeting, which includes light refreshments and starts at 10.15am at the Trinity Presbyterian Church Hall, every Thursday morning.

For further information, contact chairman Mac Tanner on 01446 743455.

Penarth Aviation Society
THE next meeting of the Penarth Aviation Society will be held on Friday, April 7 at 8pm in the Penarth Conservative Club.

The subject this month is 'The Up and Down History of VTOL development' when society member Mike Duxbury will reveal his findings on the progress of vertical take off and landing over the last century and possible future developments in this field.

Why not join the society? We meet on the first Friday of the month at the Penarth Conservative Club. See www.penarthaviationsociety.co.uk or contact secretary Barrie Howell on 02921 322385.



**GO COMMERCIAL
FINANCE LTD**

WE ARE HOLDING AN OPEN DAY ON WEDNESDAY, 12TH APRIL 2017!!! At 1-3 St Mary's Avenue, Barry, CF63 4LR

**Are you looking for serviced office space in the
heart of Barry? Look no further!**

We have a number of newly furnished offices available for rent on St Mary's Avenue, each floor having its own toilet and kitchen facilities (there is also a communal kitchen on the ground floor and a shower room on the first floor), and includes the use of a Boardroom with presentation facilities.

Rental includes electricity, water and business rates.

A turn-key facility that you can move straight into. Just bring your staff and computer hardware/software, set up your own Broadband and you're good to go. Immediate availability.



**Please call Sharon on
01446 506508 to book your viewing slot.**

VALE PUPILS DISCOVER THEIR VOICES



Eva Gillette, Y Bont Faen Primary, with Derek Morgan.



St Davids Colwinston's winning team.



Sophie Rogers of St Bride's



Audrey Pigned, from Peterston



Georgia Rees of Llangan Primary.

Gentle Jack loves walks and a curl-up



Jack's a sweet chap!

JACK is a sweet, gentle, eight-year-old Collie Cross who is happy after a walk to spend the day curled up relaxing.

He can live with another calm dog already in the home and children over the age of 11.

Jack can be worried by intense handling, so a slow approach would be best for him. He would make the perfect companion if you are looking for an older dog to keep you company and enjoy walks.

If you could offer Jack a home, contact Dogs Trust Bridgend on 01656 725219 or see www.dogstrust.org.uk.



The St Bride's team were runners-up.



Millie Smith of St Bride's



Madison Clay of Llansannor.

MARCH 2017 saw the inauguration of a public speaking workshop and competition for year-6 pupils in Vale primary schools.

The initiative was led by the deputy headteacher of St Bride's Church in Wales Primary School, Catherine Jenkins, in partnership with the South Wales branch of the English Speaking Union, and it is hoped that it will become an annual event.

Seven primary schools competed, though more were represented at the

workshop on March 15, where the aim was to introduce the pupils to the skills they would need in the competition.

Ten pupils from each school took part in a range of activities. They were enthusiastic and confident, enjoyed the challenges and all went home with a medal to commemorate the event.

Teachers then had the unenviable task of choosing a team of three pupils to represent the school in the competition itself on March 25 at St Bride's Primary School.

Each school team had a chairperson, a speaker and a questioner, and

topics discussed ranged

from 'Is watching TV a waste of time?' and 'Should children under 11 be allowed to use social networking sites?' to 'We think public transport should be free to all.'

The standard achieved

was extremely high

and the audience, including

parents, grandparents,

teachers and pupils,

appreciated the

preparation and energy

that the teams had put

into their performances.

The three judges,

Katherine Kettle, Derek

Morgan and Stephen

Page, made the following

decisions:

Highly Commended Speaker, Ella Gillette, Y Bont Faen;

Highly Commended Speaker, Millie Smith, St Bride's; Highly Commended Speaker, Georgia Rees, Llangan;

Best Chairperson, Audrey Pigned, Peterston super Ely; Best Speaker, Madison Clay, Llansannor; Best Questioner, Sophie Rogers, St Bride's.

Runner-up team, St Bride's; chair, Eva Gough; speaker, Imogen John; Questioner, Sophie Rogers.

Winning team, St David's Church in Wales Primary School, Colwinston; Chair: Georgie Griffiths; Speaker: Danica Little; Questioner: Sam Sheppard.

All pupils received a certificate recording their success and the ESU Primary Public Speaking Trophy was presented to the team from St David's by Derek Morgan, chairperson of the branch and David Jenkins, treasurer.

The ESU is grateful to all the schools that supported this initiative. Particular thanks go to the headteacher and staff of St Bride's School for their hospitality at both the workshop and the competition itself.

For further information about the ESU locally, please contact the chairman, Derek Morgan on derekwmorgan@gmail.com.

Easter at Barry library!

EASTER activities at Barry library (places must be booked) are: Easter Bonnet crafts on Monday, April 10 from 2pm - 3pm for ages 4+. £1 charge.

Easter boxes on Tuesday, April 11 from 10.30am - 11.30am for ages 4+. £1 charge.

Code Club on April 11 from 3pm - 4pm for ages 9 - 11. Free.

Inventor's box workshop on Wednesday, April 12 from 10.30am - 12pm. For ages 3 - 8, 50p charge.

Film - *Rise of the Guardians* (PG) on Thursday, April 13 from 10.30am. Recommended age 7+.

Drop-in Easter Craft - decorating Easter eggs on Thursday, April 13 from 2pm - 3.30pm. All ages, free.

Easter Bonnet parade and egg hunt on Saturday, April 14 from 10.30am - 12pm. All ages!

For any of these activities call 01446 422425 to book your place.



complete care solutions
april
Exceeding your expectations...

AWARD WINNING Quality Care at Competitive Prices

From simple help in the home to 24 hour care, we can help you to keep your independence.

Serving the Vale and surrounding areas for 20 years!

For a no-obligation assessment and quote, or just an informal chat over the phone, please call us:

01656 863963



What's in your bin?

Tel: 01446 700111

email: visible@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk

Waste Less and Recycle more!



Please note the changes to your waste and recycling collection days, this Easter.

Normal Collection Day:	Will Now Be:
Friday 14th April	Saturday 15th April
Monday 17th April	Tuesday 18th April
Tuesday 18th April	Wednesday 19th April
Wednesday 19th April	Thursday 20th April
Thursday 20th April	Friday 21st April
Friday 21st April	Saturday 22nd April

The Waste and Recycling online calendars on the Council website have been amended to reflect these new collection dates. www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/recycle

Beth sydd yn eich bin?

Ffôn: 01446 700111

e-bost: visible@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk

Gwastraffu Llai ac Ailgylchu mwyl!



Nodwch y newidiadau i'ch diwrnodau casglu gwastraff ac ailgylchu, y Pasg hwn.

Diwrnod Casglu Arferol:	Diwrnod Casglu Newydd:
Dydd Gwener 14 Ebrill	Dydd Sadwrn 15 Ebrill
Dydd Llun 17 Ebrill	Dydd Mawrth 18 Ebrill
Dydd Mawrth 18 Ebrill	Dydd Mercher 19 Ebrill
Dydd Mercher 19 Ebrill	Dydd Iau 20 Ebrill
Dydd Iau 20 Ebrill	Dydd Gwener 21 Ebrill
Dydd Gwener 21 Ebrill	Dydd Sadwrn 22 Ebrill

Mae'r calendrau Gwastraff ac Ailgylchu ar-lein ar wefan y Cyngor wedi'u diwygiao i adlewyrchwr y dyddiadau casglu newydd hyn. www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/recycle

MAESTEG ANIMAL WELFARE SOCIETY

Kittens, young & older cats & dogs All needing a new family!

All cats have been neutered & microchipped Tel: (01656) 769855

All our work is funded by Charity Shops. Donations always welcome.

Tel: 01656 871760 Dogs Tel: 01656 721496 Cats www.maesteganimalrescue.org

Thanking everyone for their continued support Charity Number: 1020630
Pleased to support the Macmillan Charity Appeal

Velindre doctor wins clinical teaching award

DR MARK TAUBERT, a palliative care consultant and clinical director for palliative medicine at Velindre NHS Trust, has won the prestigious BMA Cymru Wales/BMJ Clinical Teacher of the Year Award for 2017.

He picked up the award at The Clinical Teacher of the Year Awards, held at National Museum of Wales on March 29. The award recognises clinical teachers who have excelled in their work, supporting doctors in training and medical students in Wales.

The judges were particularly impressed by the quality of nominees this year and commended Dr Taubert specifically for his teaching style.

In his role as educational supervisor, Mark has given junior colleagues the words, insights and vocabulary to express an aspect of life that we would often rather avoid talking about, but that, at some point, affects us all.

His engaging approach has had a positive impact on his students and ultimately



Award winners at the recent BMA Cymru Wales/BMJ Clinical Teacher of the Year ceremony.

the patients they have gone on to support.

As a clinical teacher, Mark regularly uses modern cultural references as a starting-point for difficult conversations that have significant educational and emotional impacts on others. In January 2016,

Mark spoke about the death of David Bowie to inspire discussions amongst trainees, terminally-ill patients and their relatives, as well as on palliative care and rounds with senior house officers and registrars, in order to help them all in better understanding the nature

of the illness.

Mark wrote an open letter, which initially acted as a good-bye and 'thank you' note to Bowie, but transformed to include aspects about Mark's own life and those of his patients.

The letter went on to incorporate the aims of palliative care in general, capturing some of the big topics in "end of life" care, including the extent of medical intervention wanted by patients coming to the end of their lives, and the ways trainees would need to conduct difficult conversations on this issue for the benefit of patients themselves.

Mark's letter was retweeted by Duncan Jones, David Bowie's son - his only interaction with the wider world immediately following his father's death.

Dr Philip Banfield, BMA Welsh Council Chair, added: "Dynamic clinical teachers are key to the delivery of high quality training for our doctors throughout their professional careers.

"The quality of clinical teaching in Wales is clear reason for doctors to make Wales their preferred choice to complete their postgraduate training."

ADVERTORIAL

Has Your Double Glazing Steamed Up?

Established for over a decade Cloudy2Clear windows have become a leading company for glass replacement. Issues with double glazing can often be gradual and may only be noticed during a clear sunny day or during the winter. A failed glass unit may no longer provide you with the protection you need or be energy efficient. Why not spend a few minutes checking your home to see if you have any failed double glazing? If you act now you can avoid these problems.

Now, you may think you need to replace the

whole window including the frames and all the hardware, however Cloudy2Clear have come up with a simple and cost saving solution... Just replace the glass!!

If you see condensation in your windows just visit our website or give us a call on 0800 61 21 118. We will send out our highly experienced engineers for a free no obligation quote. A Cloudy2Clear quote takes on average no longer than 20 minutes. Once the quote is completed, we will sit down with you and explain the problem and tell you

how we can fix it. With years of experience Cloudy2Clear have a wealth of knowledge and are recognised as a Which Trusted Trader, plus our work is backed by an industry leading 25 year guarantee. Cloudy2Clear also replace faulty locks, handles and hinges on all windows and doors.

Your friendly local Cloudy2Clear specialist is Phil Powell and he services Cardiff & surrounding areas.

So, if your windows are steamed up, broken or damaged give Phil a call for a free quotation on 0800 61 21 118.

Cloudy2Clear GUARANTEE All Customers That An Average Quote Will Take No Longer Than 20 MINS!!!



STEAMED UP DOUBLE GLAZING?

Don't Replace The Frames... Just The Panes!

Cloudy2Clear Are A...

**Which?
Trusted
Trader**

**All Glazing Backed By Our
25 YEAR
GUARANTEE**



Priority Freephone
0800 61 21 118
www.cloudy2clear.com

Broken Or Damaged Windows? Faulty Locks, Handles, Hinges?

HOLY WEEK SERVICES THROUGHOUT THE VALE

HOLY WEEK Services – Barry and St Athan, Vale of Glamorgan Methodist Circuit:

Friday, April 7 Cadoxton – Easter Craft activities with worship and chocolate for all children and carers at 3.15pm.

Palm Sunday, April 9 – 'The Easter Story' Choir, circuit evening service at Trinity, Penarth 6pm.

Tuesday, April 11 at Crossway – Holy Communion service 2pm.

Barry Uniting Church – Reading through the Gospel

7pm. Maundy Thursday, April 13 at Cadoxton – Holy Communion 7pm.

St David's – Holy Communion and service of light and darkness at 7.30pm.

Good Friday, April 14 at Tathan Parish Church, St Athan – United Service 12.30pm.

Churches of Barry Walk of Witness, starts at Parade Gardens at 12pm and concludes in King Square at about 1.15pm. (6pm Walk of Witness in Dinas at Twyn.)

10.30am Cadoxton – open for prayer. St David's – open for

prayer and silence between 2pm – 3pm.

Easter Day Sunrise Service: 6am, cliff tops, Penarth. Morning worship with Holy Communion: 9.45am at St David's; 9.45am at Cadoxton; 10am at The Gathering Place, St Athan; 10.30am at Barry Uniting Church (Waterfront) and 10.30am in Dinas; 11am at Crossway; 11am at St John on Barry Island.

For information call Revs P and C Challis on 01446 678730 or Rev P Taylor on 01446 406262.

Vale NFU meeting

DR ALEX REES of the 'Mothers of Africa' charity in the Gambia spoke on **how they are facing A high mortality rate in teenage pregnancies – it was a very moving subject.**

Ray Evans gave the vote of thanks and **Frances Rees** won the raffle. We next meet on **Wednesday, April 26 at 2pm at the Millennium Centre to see Sister Act.**

John Sheer will be our speaker on **Tuesday, May 16 in Penllyn village hall at 7.30pm. All are welcome.**

Registered Clinical Dental Technicians

Express Denture Clinic

Denture Experts

Implant Retained Dentures
New Dentures - 5 day Service Available
Free Initial Consultation and Advice

Emergency Denture Repairs
in 1 Hour
New Flexible Dentures and
Chrome Plates
Home Visits Available

Eat, Smile & Talk
with confidence

Telephone - Cardiff: 029 20623222

Talbot Green: 01443 222509

Andrews Denture Clinic, 89 Whitchurch Road, Cardiff, CF14 3JP
Threeways Dental Laboratory, Talbot Square, Talbot Green, CF72 8AB

The First Step to a Better Smile



**21
DAYS**
TO CHANGE YOUR LIFE

3 WEEK TRIAL MEMBERSHIP ONLY £30*

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

- No contrast
- 20m pool
- Cardiovascular gym
- Resistance gym
- Exclusive Jumps for all ages
- Exclusive Junior timetable
- Kettle bell studio
- Free weights gym
- Body Pump, Body Balance, Body Combat, Body Attack, RPM
- Fitness studios with 80+ classes per week
- HIIT
- Whirlpool bath, sauna & steam room
- Squash/Tennis
- Outdoor fitness zone with functional kit
- Cricket & day nursery
- Junior activities
- Wales' largest spa*
- Bar and restaurant
- Exclusive member discounts throughout the Resort

01443 627777 | memberships@vale-hotel.com

Vale Resort, Hemel Park, Hemel, Vale of Glamorgan, CF72 8JY

*T&Cs apply. *Not available to anyone who has been a member or done a trial in the last 2 years. Offer ends 30th April 2017.



FREE VERTICAL BLINDS • FREE VERTICAL BLINDS • FREE VERTICAL BLINDS

FREE VERTICAL BLINDS • FREE VERTICAL BLINDS • FREE VERTICAL BLINDS

FREE VERTICAL BLINDS • FREE VERTICAL BLINDS • FREE VERTICAL BLINDS

FREE VERTICAL BLINDS

4 YEARS INTEREST FREE CREDIT OFFER

Terms and Conditions apply

WINDOWS • DOORS • CONSERVATORIES

•

WINDOWS • DOORS • CONSERVATORIES



NEW DREAM DOOR
SPECIAL OFFER £699.00
FULLY FITTED

**FREE electric
underfloor
heating with every
full package
CONSERVATORY
bought. Don't miss
this amazing
OFFER**

WINDOWS • DOORS • CONSERVATORIES • FRENCH DOORS • BIFOLD DOORS • PORCHES

Established award winning family-run Welsh company

4 YEARS INTEREST FREE OFFER			4 YEARS INTEREST FREE OFFER			4 YEARS INTEREST FREE OFFER		
Number of windows	Cost	Cost per month	Number of windows	Cost	Cost per month	Door	Price	Cost per month
4 WINDOWS MAX 1 OPENER IN WHITE UPVC BUY NOW PAY NEXT YEAR	From £1546	£32.20	3M X 3M CONSERVATORY FULLY FITTED INC ALL BUILDING WORKS FREE TILING AND VERTICAL BLINDS FITTED	From £9,495	£187.81	SOLID OR COMPOSITE DOOR FULLY FITTED	From £995.00	£20.75
5 WINDOWS MAX 1 OPENER IN WHITE UPVC BUY NOW PAY NEXT YEAR	From £2032	£42.33	3.5M X 3.5M CONSERVATORY FULLY FITTED INC ALL BUILDING WORKS FREE TILING AND VERTICAL BLINDS FITTED	From £10,990	£228.85	PATIO DOORS FULLY FITTED	From £999.00	£20.81
6 WINDOWS MAX 1 OPENER IN WHITE UPVC BUY NOW PAY NEXT YEAR	From £2510	£52.47	4M X 4M CONSERVATORY FULLY FITTED INC ALL BUILDING WORKS FREE TILING AND VERTICAL BLINDS FITTED	From £11,990	£248.79	YALE UPVC BACK DOORS FULLY FITTED	From £650.00	£13.54
7 WINDOWS MAX 1 OPENER IN WHITE UPVC BUY NOW PAY NEXT YEAR	From £3005	£62.60				FRENCH DOORS FULLY FITTED	From £999.00	£20.81
8 WINDOWS MAX 1 OPENER IN WHITE UPVC BUY NOW PAY NEXT YEAR	From £3482	£72.75				YALE UPVC FRONT DOORS FITTED	From £999.00	£14.56
9 WINDOWS MAX 1 OPENER IN WHITE UPVC BUY NOW PAY NEXT YEAR	From £3978	£82.87				OPEN 9AM TO 9PM • 7 DAYS A WEEK		

All special offers terms and conditions apply

SALES HOTLINE
OPEN 24 HOURS
7 DAYS A WEEK



Next door to Halfords on Leckwith Road, Cardiff CF11 8AP

BARRY 01446 439212

CARDIFF 029 2050 8770

BRIDGEND 01656 349515

Sales hotline now open 9am-9pm, 7 Days a week

www.mpnwindows.com

Email: sales@mpnwindows.com

AWARDED BEST DOUBLE GLAZING COMPANY IN WALES BY NETWORK VEKA



WALES No1 DOUBLE GLAZING COMPANY

FREE VERTICAL BLINDS • FREE VERTICAL BLINDS • FREE VERTICAL BLINDS

Secretary of State for Wales and Vale MP tells of Westminster terrorist attack

TWO weeks after the terrorist attack that shook Westminster, Alun Cairns – Secretary of State for Wales and Vale MP – answers some key questions about how the day unfolded.

Where were you before the attack took place?

I had been in a meeting with the Prime Minister, Chancellor and a number of other colleagues in a room beneath the House of Commons chamber. We were scheduled to meet at Downing Street but because we were expecting a number of votes, the meeting had been switched to the Palace of Westminster.

During the course of the meeting, the Division Bell rang.

The Prime Minister adjourned the meeting, with a specific request to return as soon as possible to continue the discussion.

What happened next?

We went upstairs to vote. As we climbed the stairs and went through to the Division Lobby, the Chancellor and I continued to discuss an issue that had been raised in the meeting. This continued as our names were ticked off having voted.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Valeways walks

ON Wednesday, April 12 at 10.30am, the Cosmeston coffee shop strollers meet outside the visitor centre at Cosmeston Country Park.

Also on April 12 at 2.30pm, the Llantwit Major coffee shop strollers meet outside Llantwit Major Town Hall in the car park.

On Thursday, April 13 at 10.30am, 'To the Beach', starting at Llantwit Major railway station car park.

On Sunday, April 16 at 2pm, 'A Spring Walk in the Woods,' starting at St Peter's Church, Mill Road, Dinas Powys.

Porthcawl Floral Arrangement Society

AT Awel-y-Mor on April 12 at 7.30pm a flower demonstration will be given by Arnaud Metairie entitled 'From My Shed'.

Doors open at 6.30pm, all warmly welcomed.

In the Division Lobby, there were more than a 100 members or so. This is where MPs will often raise constituency matters with Ministers.

I noticed that the PM was chatting with a colleague and moments later, she had disappeared. I thought nothing of this and assumed that she was keen to return to our meeting, as per her request.

How did you first hear that there had been an attack?

The Chancellor and I continued to make our way back to the meeting room, walking against the flow of people, who were making their way to vote, when a message came through to say that there had been an incident and we should wait.

We had no idea what type of incident had occurred. I initially thought that someone had fallen down the stairs, or maybe that there was a protest outside causing problems for MPs to get through to vote.

We were then told that there had been a stabbing and that gun shots had been heard.

This naturally changed the atmosphere. We immediately returned to the meeting room to gather our papers and notes, when the official advised us that the meeting was abandoned and that the PM would want to call a 'Cobra' meeting.

Our over-riding concern was for the welfare of anyone involved and for the safety and security of the building.

I was also concerned that the news would worry my family; I sent a text immediately to advise them that I was safe. Thankfully, this was so early in the incident, this was the first notice they received.

Where did you go then?

I returned to the Division Lobby level, where news hadn't by then permeated through to all members. The vote was still live, with hundreds of MPs continuing to make their way to the lobby. Some went in to the chamber to hear the result ahead of the next vote and others waited around the corridor.

I decided to make my way to my office, which is close by. I wanted to watch the news to see what was happening. My office window overlooks the site of the attack and it is from this position I realised the extent of the attack. I went cold.

The ambulance had arrived and I saw the to-ing

and fro-ing of the police, the public and emergency services directly outside my office window. A helicopter landed in Parliament Square and the scale of the response highlighted how serious the incident was.

The television news then started to report what was happening.

What were you able to do in the hours that followed?

At this moment, a message came over the internal speaker system instructing us to stay where we were and that the building was 'locked down'. The television reported that the Chamber had been locked too.

I was also worried for staff members in their offices elsewhere. They were later moved to another building.

I waited in my office for five hours. Shortly after being told not to move, armed police entered the corridor seeking to escort a cabinet colleague to a meeting because they were part of the response effort.

MPs poked their heads cautiously though to the corridor. This gave reassurance that there were others around.

Many of us gathered in each other's offices to try to gain a better understanding of what was happening.

We noted dogs searching the building, presumably in case an attacker remained in the building.

Five hours later, we were then permitted to leave.

What were your feelings as details of the attack emerged?

My first thoughts were for those directly involved. We all know the police officers personally. We chat every day as we pass through security. At that time, we didn't know who the victim was. There was a subdued atmosphere and a great deal of sadness.

I then rushed to catch the train to return home to the Vale. I had never been so grateful to arrive home safely, but was still thinking of those who had been involved.

It is also worth noting that I had arranged for a coach tour to visit Parliament the following day. This went ahead in defiance of the attack and I am

grateful to those from the Vale who continued as planned, while also being understanding of the small number who dropped out.

The atmosphere during this tour was different and very respectful of those who were lost and for those who protect us.

What happens now?

Naturally, there is a full investigation and I don't want to pre-empt any conclusion. The incident reminds us how fragile the relationships between communities are and that we must do all to integrate and to support each other.

GRABit

Plant Hire Groundwork Contractors Ltd



Grab Hire Service
covering The Vale & surrounding areas.

01446 700535

We cover • Building/groundwork & civil engineering • All size track machinery with drivers available • Suppliers of top soil • Suppliers of sub soil • Suppliers of re-cycled stone • Suppliers of quarry stone

• 3t loads away - £95 • Aggregates • Deliveries

GRABit
Groundwork Contractors

We cover all aspects of Design and Build.

For more information please call Byron on: 01446 700535
01446 700535





EGGSTRAVAGANZA



10% OFF ALL GARDEN BUILDINGS

EASTER WEEKEND SALE

AND KIDS EGG HUNT
14,15 & 17 APRIL

SUMMERHOUSES | SHEDS | GREENHOUSES

eden Landscapes

Find us at Pugh's Garden Village, Wenvoe CF5 6AD | 02920 597 365 | edenlandscapes.ltd.uk

Out & About with The GEM

WHAT'S ON AND WHERE IN YOUR AREA

Library opening hours

THE newly-established Community Library run by volunteers in Dinas Powys has extended the afternoon opening

hours. The new hours are 10am to 12 noon and 2pm to 4.30pm Monday to Friday, except Thursdays, when the library is closed in the afternoon; Saturday, 10am to 12 noon.

Biomass plant protest

A PEACEFUL protest is being organised by DIAG (Docks Incinerator Action Group) for residents

concerned about the Biomass plant currently under construction on Barry waterfront. This will consume 200 tons of waste wood each day.

Please meet at 12 noon on Saturday, April 8 outside the Civic Offices in Barry. We will then proceed to King Square for the finale.

For more information call Tim Bird on 01446 772614.

Dinas play

THE Dinas Powys Players present *Night Must Fall* at the Parish Hall, Britway Road, Dinas Powys at 7.30pm on April 6, 7 and 8.

Easter cake sale!

FRIENDS of Penarth library are having an Easter cake sale at the library between 10am and 1pm on Saturday, April 8.

Cowbridge U3A

THE next Cowbridge U3A meeting will be a talk entitled 'The Enemy we Killed, my Friend', by Captain David Jones at 2pm on Wednesday, April 12 in Cowbridge Town

Hall.

Visitors welcome (for a small fee, which includes refreshments). See www.u3asites.org.uk/cowbridge

Help for scam victims

SCAMS are a big issue for the elderly as they can be targeted over the phone, online, by post or in person. Have you been the victim of a scam and want help reporting it?

Come along to the Age Connects Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry, on Tuesday, April 11 from 10am to 12 noon. No appointment necessary; contact 01446 732385 for further information.

Getting online

IF you have hearing loss and would like to be more confident with going online, and using the internet, every Friday morning from 10.30am to 12pm

Action on Hearing will be at Age Connects Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry.

No appointment needed, just come along. For further information call 01446 732385; home visits can be arranged if needed.

Easter Messy Church U3A

REV Martyn, Rev Lee and the team invite toddlers (with their parents), youngsters and teenagers to the next messy church in the Reading Room, Bonvilston, on Easter Sunday at 2.30pm. There will be craft activities, an Easter egg hunt and refreshments, including hot cross buns.

A collection for the Vale Foodbank will be made and you are invited to bring an item or two – tinned/dried food, tea bags, instant coffee, jam, biscuits, etc. For further information, call Lee Dutfield on 07784 869020.

No appointment is needed. Call 01446 732385 or talk to Chris Lazo on 02920 523129.

Welfare rights

IF you live in the Vale and need advice on benefits, such as pension credits, attendance allowance, or housing benefit, Age Connects Cardiff and Vale run a free welfare rights advice service.

An adviser from Age Connects Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry, will be available to help with form filling. A session will be held on Tuesday, April 11 from 9.30am to 11.30am at the Age Connects Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry.

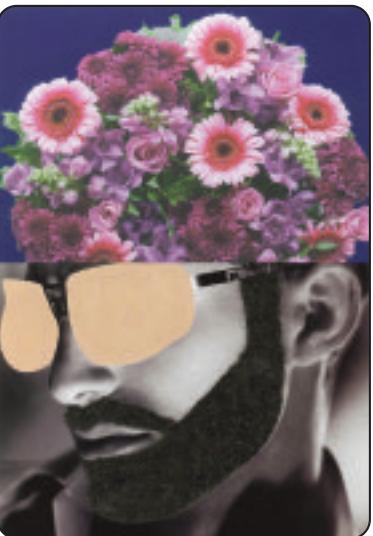
No appointment needed, just come along. For further information call 01446 732385; home visits can be arranged if needed.

Easter Messy Church U3A

REV Martyn, Rev Lee and the team invite toddlers (with their parents), youngsters and teenagers to the next messy church in the Reading Room, Bonvilston, on Easter Sunday at 2.30pm. There will be craft activities, an Easter egg hunt and refreshments, including hot cross buns.

A collection for the Vale Foodbank will be made and you are invited to bring an item or two – tinned/dried food, tea bags, instant coffee, jam, biscuits, etc. For further information, call Lee Dutfield on 07784 869020.

Gypsy Maker exhibition at Art Central



Billy Kerr's 'All Fur Coat' is set to show visitors the relationship between the artist and his material.

THE Vale of Glamorgan Council's Art Central Gallery is hosting an exhibition containing artwork commissioned by the Romani Cultural and Arts Company's (RCAC) Gypsy project. The few Romani to have documented his community from behind the lens. Graduating from the University of Derby in photography and film-making, Conka's work has recorded how life in one of the poorest Romani communities in Slovakia has changed since its decline, and has featured in various international publications including Huffington Post, The Independent and Vice Magazine.

The opening takes place between 3pm–4.30pm, with free admission granted Monday to Friday, 9.30 a.m.–4.30 p.m. thereafter, and 9.30am–3.30pm on Saturdays.

For more information on Art Central, visit http://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/Enjoying/arts_and_culture/Art-Central-Gallery.aspx. Artur Conka is one of

Toy and train sale is back

THE ever-popular Toy and Train Sale returns to Penarth Leisure Centre this Saturday, April 8, 10.30am to 3pm.

Organiser Chris Dyer told The GEM: "Our venue at Cogan is ideal for a toy and train sale. It is large, easily accessed from all areas and has Cogan Railway Station virtually next door.

"There will be 120 tables run by more than 50 traders from all over the UK. The show is now firmly established on the national scene and traders travel from as far away as County Durham, East Anglia and Cornwall. It is always fully-booked by stall-

holders well in advance." telephone 01643 702757 or 07966 694579, go to www.chrisdyerfairs.co.uk.

It takes place at Penarth Leisure Centre, Andrew Road, Cogan, Cardiff, CF64 2NS.

NEXT GREAT SHOW... CARDIFF TOY & TRAIN SALE

SATURDAY, 8TH APRIL 2017

10.30am - 3pm

Penarth Leisure Centre, Andrew Road, Cogan, Penarth, Cardiff CF64 2NS

Travel by Train - Cogan Station next to Venue!

BUY ★★ SELL ★★ EXCHANGE

Many top dealers in Dinky, Corgi, Matchbox, Britains, EFE, Lledo, Hornby Trains, Bachmann, Lima, etc., and much, much more. 120 Tables.

Admission £2 - Child/OAP £1.50

Enquiries: 01643 702757 or 07966 694579

www.chrisdyerfairs.co.uk

Back to the 60s at New Theatre

Chart-topper and '80s icon Sonia will lead a star cast including *X-Factor*'s Niki Evans and Helena Blackman from *How Do You Solve a Problem Like Maria* in the first UK tour of *Shout!* that visits Cardiff's New Theatre later in April.

Following the lives of five women in their 20s, 30s and 40s who are all facing tough situations – usually involving love and relationships – they write to Gwendolyn Holmes, an agony aunt working on the magazine *Shout!*, for her help and advice.

Set to a suitably swinging-Sixties soundtrack featuring a host of great songs of the era including 'These



Boots Are Made for Walkin', 'To Sir, With Love', 'Diamonds Are Forever', 'Puppet On A String', 'Those Were The Days' and Lulu's 'Shout!' (which spent 13 weeks riding the charts), the show is soulful, uplifting and infectious, taking you back to the music, fashion and freedom of Britain's swinging Sixties.

Tickets for *Shout!* which is on from Tuesday, April 18 to Saturday, April 22, are available from the New Theatre box office on 029 2087 8887 or online at newtheatrecardiff.co.uk. We'll see you there!

TUESDAY 18 — SATURDAY 22 APRIL

SHOUT!
THE SWINGING 60's SENSATION

SONIA **NIKI EVANS**
HELENA BLACKMAN **AMANDA COUTTS**

★★★★★ TWIST AND SHOUT YOUR WAY THROUGH THE SWINGING SIXTIES WITH THIS GROOVY NEW MUSICAL.

TWO HOURS OF ON-YOUR FEET, HAND CLAPPING HITS

Open: Friday 7pm - 12pm.
Saturday 12 noon - 4pm & 7pm - midnight.
Sunday 12 noon - 4pm.

029 2087 8889
newtheatrecardiff.co.uk
Park Place, Cardiff CF10 3LN

NEW THEATRE

OCEAN LOUNGE PORTHKERRY ENTERTAINMENT

Saturday 8th April TERRY KNIGHT

Vocal Entertainer

Saturday 15th April MEDIUM WAVE DUO

Vocal Instrumental Entertainers

BINGO

Saturday Evenings

SUNDAY LUNCHES

£6.95 (2 courses £8.95)

CAR BOOT SALES

Every Sunday. Sellers in 12 midday. Buyers 1pm

Porthkerry Leisure Park, Rhosneigr CF62 3ZP
(01446) 710362/711538

Open: Friday 7pm - 12pm.
Saturday 12 noon - 4pm & 7pm - midnight.
Sunday 12 noon - 4pm.



THE MOST AFFORDABLE WINDOWS, DOORS & CONSERVATORIES CALL G2S WALES ON 01656 349467

PROBABLY THE CHEAPEST CALL YOU WILL EVER MAKE

TRIPLE & DOUBLE GLAZED WINDOWS ANY SIZE, ANY STYLE ONE PRICE

✓ All of our prices include VAT and installation

✓ All of our windows and doors are fitted within 3 weeks of ordering



BUY NOW PAY LATER

12 MONTHS INTEREST FREE FINANCE

COLOURED COMPOSITE DOORS



UPVC FRONT & BACK DOORS



VISIT OUR LOCAL SHOWROOM
SAT NAV CF31 3TB



WE WILL **BEAT ANY** LIKE FOR LIKE WRITTEN QUOTE



CALL ME, ALAN WILLIAMS, MANAGING DIRECTOR OF G2S GROUP FOR A
FREE NO OBLIGATION QUOTE ON 01656 349467
AND SAY '**YES TO G2S**' THE CHEAPEST CALL YOU WILL EVER MAKE!

Visit our showroom: Unit 1, Chepstow Rd, Bridgend Ind. Estate, Bridgend, CF31 3TB

www.g2swindowsdoors.co.uk

100'S OF STYLES TO CHOOSE FROM IN STORE

Offers cannot be used with any other advertised offer, cannot be used in conjunction with any other promotional offer, discount or offer. Each section of a bay window counts as one window, maximum window size 2.5m x 1.2m. If bay is an UPVC white colour window with clear or obscured glass only. G2S reserves the right to withdraw any offer without prior notice. The G2S Group is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority. The firm appears on the Financial Services Register (FRN 679658) and is authorised to provide credit broking services. The G2S Group act as intermediaries and only offer products from Credit Consumer Finance Limited. Credit Consumer Finance is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority (FRN 311616) (FCA 479811).



Pinit Building and Civil Engineering Ltd

Unit 4A/4B, Palmersvale Business Centre,
Palmerston, Barry, Vale of Glamorgan, CF63 2XA

*Celebrating our
25th Anniversary
and very much
Still in Business*

General Building
Groundworks
CDM

Domestic Extensions
Industrial Maintenance
Principal Contractor

Underpinning
Industrial Construction Projects
Design & Build

E-mail: admin@pinitbuilding.uk
Telephone: (01446) 420548

★ Your kitchen transformed in just a few days ★

Why replace your worktops when this unique quartz overlay simply fits over your existing surface.

Just look at these amazing benefits:

HYGENIC - an almost perfectly smooth surface leaves nowhere for germs to hide.

EASY TO CARE FOR - a quick wipe with a neutral cleaner is all you need.

DURABLE - scratch resistant and more than tough enough to withstand everyday knocks and scratches.

TIMELESS - there is something about stone that means it never goes out of fashion.

EASILY INSTALLED - in less than a day with no mess.



QUARTZIZE

Replacing your existing doors can completely modernise your kitchen



- A large collection of doors, worktops & appliances to choose from.
- We offer 100s of styles, laminate, solid wood or painted.
- Free Quotation.
- Family run business for over 20 years.
- All rubbish removed.



Before

Kitchen Genie

The kitchen makeover specialists



LINES OPEN:
MON - SAT 9.00AM - 6.00PM
SUN 10.00AM - 4.00PM

01446 688021 • www.thekitchengenie.co.uk

Welsh Autism petition gathers more support

A PETITION in provides support for support of a Welsh Autism charity, Autism Spectrum C o n n e c t i o n s Cymru, has gained over 100 signatures.

Aled Thomas of Penarth was inspired to launch the petition on learning about the Welsh Government's Autism Strategy which does not include funding this service.

The petition was launched online and quickly gathered support from local people.

One person who has benefited from the charity commented: "This charity is vital in order for me to function and live away from home at university as a person with Asperger's Syndrome."

Another described it "an invaluable and unique service".

Mr Thomas intends to present the petition to the Welsh Assembly Government's Petitions Committee in the hope that they will consider funding the charity.

In October 2016, despite cross-party support, an Autism Bill in the Senedd was voted down by Labour, including by the party's Cabinet Secretaries for health and public health.

Autism Spectrum Connections Cymru is a one stop shop which

includes social groups,

one-on-one support, creative activities, benefit support and help with employment for people who are in work as well as those who are looking for a job.

Mr Thomas said that this has had a significant influence in improving his own life: "I enjoy the extra understanding of my condition here which I don't find is easy to get in the outside world. I have found new hobbies and skills and have had the chance to socialise, make friends and to be understood and accepted for who I am."

Mr Thomas contributed to a recent ITV Wales news report on the topic of living with autism as part of Autism Awareness Week.



Aled Thomas of Penarth

Tuition and learning centre open in Barry

INSPIRED LEARNERS has opened at 161 Holtton Road, Barry.

Hayley Rees of Inspired Learners told The GEM: "We provide tuition, support and training to parents, carers and schools.

"We are currently running a parent dyslexia awareness course to 'empower' parents.

"We are going to be offering a parent course focusing on speech and language strategies."

The staff include a speech and language specialist teacher; a dyslexia specialist teacher; and educational psychologists.

For all the latest news from your area - glamorgan-gem.co.uk

CROWDS TREMENDOUS, BUYING FAST

FURTHER REDUCTIONS

IN ALL DEPARTMENTS



Style force

11 VILLAGE FARM TRADING ESTATE,
PYLE, BRIDGEND, CF33 6NU
TEL: 01656 743719

MONDAY-SATURDAY 9.30AM-5PM,
SUNDAY 11AM-4PM

THE GREAT £478,000 STOCK SELL-OUT!



LAZBOY. GEORGIA POWER RECLINER CHAIR
IN LEATHER SSP £1349 WAS £899.
NOW £799

RIPLEY 3STR +2STR +ARMCHAIR GROUP
WAS. £1897. NOW £895 LIMITED STOCK

LAZBOY. 3STR SOFA PLUS 2STR SOFA
IN CREAM LEATHER.
WAS £4017 NOW £1994 TO CLEAR



LOIRE
DINING TABLE
PLUS
6 DINING
CHAIRS.
SSP £1913
WAS £899
NOW
£798

ODEON OAK EXTENDING DINING TABLE
SSP £649. WAS £359 NOW £299

SHERWOOD
2 DOOR, 2 DRAWER WARDROBE
WAS £299 NOW £199 TO CLEAR



EVELYN OTTOMAN BEDFRAME
PLUS MATTRESS SSP £788 WAS £524
NOW £479

ASHTON 3STR SOFA PLUS 2 ARMCHAIRS
WAS £2287 NOW £1389

SILENTNIGHT FORTUNA 4' 6"
HALF OTTOMAN DIVAN SET
SSP £838 WAS £559 NOW £498

In Business Update

WHEN TRIMMING TOENAILS IS ONLY PART OF THE JOB

WENDY'S Professional Toenail Cutting Service does what it says on the tin – with a whole lot more thrown in for free!

Yes, your toes will be trimmed by a fully qualified professional, but what is really on offer is companionship from someone who has great experience of looking after the elderly.

After working in the caring professions for many years, Wendy was recently trained by the

NHS and has been calling on clients in the Bridgend, Porthcawl and surrounding area for some time now.

Word of mouth has meant that she has built up a number of satisfied customers.

When she pays a house call, she brings her previous experience to bear, and understands that for many elderly people, the social contact is as important as keeping their toes tidy!

An hour's visit costs £15, and Wendy carries references and her CRB check information with her.

For contact details, see the advert on this page.

April showers?

There are lovely jackets at Samantha B

In this wonderful country we call home, a showerproof jacket is a summer wardrobe essential!

At Samantha B, we have a fantastic selection – from jackets for country walks to smarter city breaks, we have it covered.

Expect to see vibrant lime, pretty pastel, cool khaki, racy red and, of course, navy – we even have a really cleverly designed reversible jacket from Brandtex, two for the price of one!

If you would like a lighter jacket, come and have a look at our paca mac, perfect for travelling.

I am also delighted to report that we have some

fab dresses with sleeves. If you're looking for a day dress or something more dressy, we have them – Pomodoro, Adini, Bianca, Brandtex, Signature and Gina Bacconi.

Whatever your wardrobe need, we have it – lovely summer knits from Olsen, Signature and Emreco, perfectly fitting trousers from Olsen, Bianca, Poppy, Brandtex, perfect jeans and crops or just a plain t-shirt. Call in and see for yourself!

If you would like to attend a charity fashion show, they are on: May 5 at Llancarfan Church; May 11 at Radyr; May 18, Cowbridge Choir; May 19 town twinning, Bridgend; May 30 Brynhill Golf Club. Call us on 01656 658388 for details.

Home Optika makes visits in your area

THIS amazing organisation aims to provide eyecare services and products, including eye tests, to those who struggle to leave the house unaccompanied due to medical, physical or mental health reasons.

They are NHS registered, so free eye tests will apply to those who are entitled to one. A wide selection of NHS frames is available as well as an impressive private range. In fact, there are hundreds of frames in stock to choose from.

Home Optika is also registered with the General Optical Council, College of Optometrists and Association of Optometrists and their expertise and experience are second to none.

For those who would rather not attend a high street practice, they also

offer private eye examinations in the comfort of your home for the entire family.

Why choose Home Optika?

They are friendly, reliable, professional and experienced optometrists. They are based in south Wales and have specialist equipment and resources to provide the best eyecare service in the comfort of your home.

They can arrange a sight test at home for you within a day or two of point of contact. They source products and services locally, so you won't have to wait for weeks to have your glasses delivered and fitted for you.

Their prices are competitive and they offer a wide range of frames.

Check the website for more information about Home Optika, their services and products: www.homeoptika.com. Or contact them by phoning them on: 02920 213397, or 07510 969414.

'Coastal Lives' to begin this Friday



Andy Bradshaw and Peter Knowles

THE BBC's 'Coastal Lives' TV series will follow the rich and varied lives of those working and living along the Glamorgan coast, including two Penarth residents Andy Bradshaw and Peter Knowles.

Andy and Peter are the joint owners of Hamptons and Shore, as well as being award-winning designers, and winners of Penarth Council's inaugural 'Outstanding Citizens' Award.

The TV series will run for four weeks with the first episode airing on BBC 1 Wales, Friday, April 7 at 7.30pm and culminating in their participation in Penarth's

Downhill Derby where they won 'best dressed kart' and were placed a respectable third in the actual race.

Peter Knowles said: "We were thrilled when the BBC approached us about taking part in 'Glamorgan Coastal Lives' and we feel honoured to be part of the programme. Penarth is such a perfect place to live and work – we absolutely love it here – and it's great to see it being celebrated on the small screen."

The TV series will run for four weeks with the first episode airing on BBC 1 Wales, Friday, April 7 at 7.30pm and

Ty Hafan lottery draw winners

THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan Crackerjackpot lottery draw number D977.

• £2,000: 344511.
• The rollover, which now stands at £2,500, was not won this week.

• £10: 4 8 5 1 5 4 , 307049, 713470, 213521, 970082, 512236, 560839, 149277, 817691, 258442, 297431, 846927, 135, 535839.

• £5: 323927, 249014, 417745, 854525, 328612, 695942, 492598, 113591, 140366, 182305,

The GEM cannot be held responsible for any errors or omissions contained in the above.

For lottery information please telephone 029 2053 2300.

HEALTH DAY THIS SATURDAY IN THE TOWN HALL

THIS Saturday, April 8, Llantwit Major and Cowbridge Lions are hosting a health day in the town hall from 10am to 1pm.

Spokeswoman Liz Evans explained: "There will be diabetic screening, Welsh Hearts will be attending to help with CPR and defibrillator training.

The Stroke Association will also be there, along with members of the new Vale Stroke Group to let people know what the group is doing.

There will be teas and coffees, so please come along."

Liz also pointed out that in the morning, the Lions will be holding a book sale outside Waitrose in the morning. Funds raised will go to a variety of causes including local ones.



DO YOU STRUGGLE TO GET OUT OF THE HOUSE?

We are **HOME VISITING OPTICIANS**

providing Sight Tests in the comfort of your home by professional, friendly and experienced optometrists.

FREE NHS SIGHT TESTS

available.

CONTACT US TO ARRANGE AN APPOINTMENT

02920 213397

07510 969414

WWW.HOMEOPTIKA.COM



The figures are in...
And The GEM is now publishing more than 46,000 copies every week!

If you would like to give your company a boost then get in touch with us

by emailing sales@glamorgan-gem.co.uk or call us on 01446 774484

4 Wick Road,
Ewenny, CF35 5BL
Tel 01656 658388
OPEN MON-SAT 10AM-5PM

DAVID PROSSER & CO
SOLICITORS

Wills, Lasting Powers of Attorney, Probate and Estate Disputes & Administration

WE ARE A LOCAL, WELL ESTABLISHED LEGAL PRACTICE

We will:

- Be polite and professional
- Respond promptly to your enquiries
- Provide clear information on costs
- Offer home visits where necessary

Please contact Brendan Sweeney.

Telephone 01656 645921

E-Mail: brendansweeney@davidprosser.co.uk

3 Court Road, Bridgend CF31 1BL

David Prosser & Co is the trading name of DP Law Limited.

THE MEN WHO BUILT BARRY

Retail entrepreneurs of the late 19th century Part III

THE final part of this trilogy is of a young man who came to Barry when his father Ben Evans became Pastor of the Tabernacle Welsh Congregational Church.

Daniel James Evans (c1884) was born in Llangadog, Carmarthenshire and in 1901 was living at 44 Tynwyd Road with four siblings and working as an ironmonger's assistant.

The following year he helped WH Hooper with the opening of a new shop at 81 Holton Road. In one photograph Dan was

LOCAL HISTORIAN LAURIE OWEN CONCLUDES HIS FASCINATING SERIES

shown with a huge stock of hardware and ironmongery and by 1905, with the experience and confidence gained, he had taken over the business at just 22 years of age.

This was the beginning of a long and successful career in the town, with his premises spreading from 81 to 85 Holton Road and eventually with shops across the road, built on a reputation of giving personal service with quality staff.

Over the next few years he expanded his

then had two sons, Gwynfor and Alwyn and daughter Ceridwen.

When the Reverend Ben Evans died in 1918, his eldest son Dan was already secretary of the Grand Eisteddfod and the National Service Campaign.

Dan Evans only began his business adventure half way through the period which this story covers, but such was the impact his business had on those early settlers, including my own grandparents who came from Kent in 1908, it was felt that his early story should be briefly included.

As time went on, he would become very influential in the community, becoming Deputy Mayor in 1939, when the town became a borough.

For many years and for many families, 'Danny's' had been the focal point of Holton Road and towards the end, as we enjoyed our custard slice in the cafeteria, it was sad to see that there were often more staff than customers.

Finally in 2005, this institution closed its doors and left a large hole, which has not been filled.

Barnardo's Big Toddle hopes to raise big money

NURSERIES and playgroups and has the theme 'colours'.

across Wales raised more than The Big Toddle, which began as a one-off event in Porthcawl and has grown to become a national fundraising event, is marking its 20th anniversary this year by teaming up with Teletubbies, who are also celebrating their 20th anniversary.

Children dressed up animals and took part in a half-mile walk to raise money for vulnerable children. Nurseries and parents are now signing up to take part in this year's Big Toddle, which runs from June 19-25

To find out more and to register to Barnardo's Big Toddle visit www.bigtoddle.org.uk, follow Twitter @BigToddle or on Facebook/Bigtoddle.

3 good reasons

FAMILY EASTER EGG HUNT & AFTERNOON TEA

Castell Suite 16th April

Meet the Easter bunny, Easter egg hunt, children's entertainment and disco.

£12.95 adult & £6.95 kids.



to visit



Traditional Sunday Lunch

Throughout April

3 course Sunday lunch £16.95. Children under 12 - £8.95.

Copthorne CARDIFF

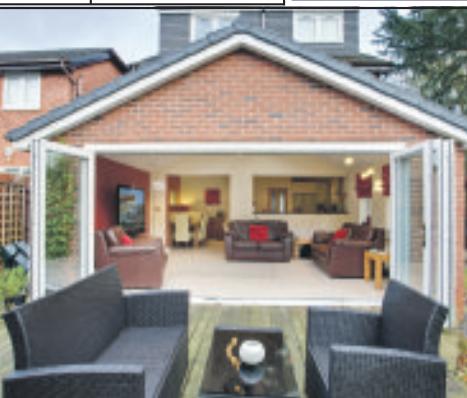
Cabaret Night

30th April

Live music from James H Williams, performing hits from Michael Bublé & many others & 3 course meal. £27.50 per adult



Copthorne Hotel, Culverhouse Cross, Cardiff • 02920 599100



Conservatories, Orangeries & Sun rooms

as well as Windows & Doors in PVCu, Aluminium & Timber



- 5.9% APR or BUY NOW PAY 2018
- 2 Years Interest Free Credit
- FREE Planning Service
- FREE A-Rated glass upgrade
- No telesales or commission only salesmen
- FREE quotation and 3D imaging service
- 10 year insurance warranty

OPEN
7 DAYS

FREEPHONE 0500 21 22 24
www.securahome.co.uk


securahome
Improving homes since 1994

SHOWCENTRE AT: Securahome PVCu Ltd, Gwaelod Ind Est, Gorseinon, Swansea SA4 9WN
Authorised and Regulated by The Financial Conduct Authority

Once you've got your initial ideas, an experienced conservatory or orangery specialist will work with you to turn these suggestions into a room that fits your lifestyle

On a practical level, if your home has previously been extended or the drainage needs to be moved, it will take time to get the necessary approvals.

At Securahome we always project manage the approval process and expect local authority planning permission to take at least 10 weeks, with sewer agreements often involving a similar timescale.

All things considered, once you've made the decision to go ahead, it could take three or four months before you can put your feet up and enjoy your new room. However, having invested the time to design, plan and build it properly we think you'll agree that your new conservatory or orangery will be more than worth the wait!





Cardiff (East) Showroom | 02920 485888 | The Design Quarter, 4 Colchester Avenue, Cardiff, CF23 9AN

Cardiff (West) Showroom | 02920 593969 | 485 Cowbridge Road West, Cardiff, CF5 5TG

TRUSTPILOT Excellent - 9.7/10



COOKING PASSION SINCE 1877



SPRING OFFERS

Get up to £2,000 of **FREE** Neff appliances*

PLUS Up to £500 Cashback*

Visit sigma3.co.uk to find out more or to order a copy of our offers brochure.

BUY NOW, PAY 2018

Buy now and pay £99 settlement fee if the balance is paid within 12 months.

***24.9%**

Representative APR

*Terms & Conditions apply. Please ask in store for details.

Authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority. Sigma 3 Kitchens Ltd, Llantrisant Business Park, Llantrisant, South Wales, CF72 8LF act as a credit broker and only offers products from Barclays Partner Finance. Barclays Partner Finance is a trading name of Clydesdale Financial Services Limited a wholly owned subsidiary of Barclays Bank PLC. Clydesdale Financial Services Limited is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority (Financial Services Register Number: 311753). Registered in England. Registered No. 2901725. Registered Office: 1 Churchill Place, London, E14 5HP

Public can now submit film of traffic offences

FROM now on, members of the public will be able to submit footage and images of suspected road traffic offences being committed on the roads of south Wales.

Working in partnership with Go Safe, Operation Snap will provide a safe alternative way to share footage of offences seen by motorists. Road traffic offences targeted as part of the operation will include dangerous driving; driving without due care and attention; contravening solid white lines; mobile phone use; improper control of vehicle, and driving through traffic lights on red.

Assistant Chief Constable Jeremy Vaughan said: "The

operation will enable our communities to help us assist in a key policing priority, to continue to keep the roads of south Wales safe.

"Our work with Go Safe is there to complement the service we provide to our communities and, as always, if people need to contact the police and want to talk to us immediately, they can call 101 or 999 in an emergency.

"Our officers will still be policing the roads in our force area 24 hours a day, seven days a week but we know that members of the public are keen to help, and I am pleased that with the support of Go Safe, we can provide an easier way to submit footage and images either while travelling as a passenger, or using the footage of 'dash cams' that can be submitted at a later date.

In addition any new motorists (driving for less than two years) caught using a device behind the wheel will have their licence revoked meaning they will have to apply for a new provisional, and take and pass both the practical and theory driving test.

John Hume, partnership manager, GoSafe said: "Working with South Wales Police, Operation Snap will allow us to work together and help simplify the way motorists can report motoring offences. By visiting gosafe.org/contact-us/snap members of the public will be asked to complete a contact form; this will allow a roads policing officer to get in touch and review the footage or images captured.

"Once a full review has been carried out, the officer will provide further updates to individuals."

From March 2017 the Fixed Penalty Notice for using a handheld mobile phone while driving is £200 and six points.

John Hume, partnership manager, GoSafe said: "Working with South Wales Police, Operation Snap will allow us to work together and help simplify the way motorists can report motoring offences. By visiting gosafe.org/contact-us/snap members of the public will be asked to complete a contact form; this will allow a roads policing officer to get in touch and review the footage or images captured.

Walking towards West Monkton, red kites were spotted soaring overhead. The group then turned right to cross open farmland to Llan Road. A short walk brought them to a lane by a field full of spring lambs and after walking a few yards down the lane, they turned south to walk alongside Windmill covert and to reach a road.

Crossing straight over, the walkers came to Park Farm and, using the Valeways Millennium Heritage Trail, dropped through a valley to emerge from woodland, opposite St Donat's Church.

Skirting round the grounds of United World College and walking a few yards on the road the

Valeways walkers enjoy 'the soaring red kites'

WITH four new group crossed King George's field, so called in celebration of King George V's silver jubilee. They carried on using the coast path on the cliff top to eventually arrive at a set of steps which led to the beach at St Donat's Bay.

The sun was shining now and a short stop was made here for coffee before setting off again up through woods and over fields to reach the lighthouses of Nash Point. Thanks to Paul and Judy, crows were seen flying in the air currents from the cliffs.

It was down into Cwm Marcross and then up the other side to carry on along the coast, crossing several stiles before dropping steeply down into Cwm Nash, by which time everyone was looking forward to reaching the Plough and Harrow for food and drink, so the walk up the valley was fairly quick and refreshments were enjoyed by one and all.

Many thanks to the Plough and Harrow for the hospitality and the use of the car park.

JOHN TREBY

Valeways volunteer

walk leader

The Princess Royal to attend Women in Wales Charity event

THE Princess Royal will be guest of honour at the Women in Wales Lunch Reception in the SSE SWALEC Stadium on Friday, April 28 to mark a quarter of a century of the 'Women in Wales Charity' raising money for Save the Children.

This year's guest speaker with close royal connections is entrepreneur, Cath Kidston.

The 'queen of florals' is being interviewed by Sue Brooks of Desert Island Discs about how, inwales.org.uk.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Vale AM's surgery

VALE AM Jane Hutt will hold a surgery on April 8 from 10am - 11am at Barry Citizens Advice Bureau, 119 Broad Street.

No appointment necessary.

Table top sale

THERE will be a table top sale in Peterston-Super-Ely church and community hall on Saturday, April 8 from 10am - 12pm; entry is free. To book a table and further details call Pat on 01446 760267, tables are £5.

This is in addition to the usual village market which is held on the second Saturday of every month from 10am - 12noon, selling homemade cakes, preserves, produce, plants and a very extensive collection of books. Coffee and teas will be served. All proceeds to the improvement and maintenance of the hall.

Toy and train sale

THE Cardiff Toy and Train sale takes place on Saturday, April 8 at 10.30am to 3pm in Penarth Leisure Centre, Andrew Road, Cogan (CF64 2NS). For further information, call 01643 702757 or 07966 694579; www.chrisdyerfairs.co.uk.

All aboard the Barry Easter railway train!

JOHN BUXTON, the managing director of the Barry Tourist Railway, has announced that the Barry Tourist Railway will be operating Easter Bunny trains from Barry Island over the Easter Bank Holiday weekend (April 14 to 17). Every child travelling receives a free Lindt chocolate Easter bunny or a soft toy.

John told The GEM: "Our military museum and cafe will be open on all four days too.

"The famous fun fair will be operating as well so there are lots of good reasons to visit Barry Island over the weekend.

"Huge improvements have been made to the visitor facilities at Barry Island over recent years by the local authorities, Henry Dant, Marco's and the Barry Tourist Railway, to name but a few. More special events are also now taking place on the Island, a resort that is definitely on the up and up!"

"Barry Tourist Railway will be operating a 40 minute 'out-and-back' journey from Barry Island Station at 11.35am,

1.10pm, 2.10pm and 3.10pm each day over the weekend, including a guided tour around the railway depot where our vintage trains are maintained and refurbished. So, come along, enjoy the ride and take a look behind the scenes of a working heritage railway," he added.

Fun for all the family and no need to book - just turn up and go.

For more information

contact John Buxton,

Barry Tourist Railway

on 01446 748816;

e-mail:

john.buxton@cambridgtransport.com;

or

www.barrytouristrailway.co.uk

AM takes part in 'lifesaving session' at Senedd

VALE AM Jane Hutt motoring first aid

Hutt took part in an 'interactive life-

saving session' at the Senedd on

March 30 and added her backing to a campaign pro-

to learning in schools.

John told The GEM: "Our military museum and cafe will be open on all four days too.

"The famous fun fair will be operating as well so there are lots of good

reasons to visit Barry Island over the weekend.

"Huge improvements have been made to the visitor facilities at Barry Island over recent years by the local authorities, Henry Dant, Marco's and the Barry Tourist Railway, to name but a few. More special events are also now taking place on the Island, a resort that is definitely on the up and up!"

"Barry Tourist Railway will be operating a 40 minute 'out-and-back' journey from Barry Island Station at 11.35am,

1.10pm, 2.10pm and 3.10pm each day over the weekend, including a guided tour around the railway depot where our vintage trains are maintained and refurbished. So, come along, enjoy the ride and take a look behind the scenes of a working heritage railway," he added.

Fun for all the family and no need to book - just turn up and go.

For more information

contact John Buxton,

Barry Tourist Railway

on 01446 748816;

e-mail:

john.buxton@cambridgtransport.com;

or

www.barrytouristrailway.co.uk

For more information or to book an appointment for wax removal or our independent hearing aid service please ring

MICROSUCTION EARWAX CLINIC AND INDEPENDENT HEARING CENTRE



Fully equipped audiological suite



Fully equipped earwax removal clinic



SCOTTWROE
HEARING

For more information or to book an appointment for wax removal or our independent hearing aid service please ring

02920 707760

10 Royal Buildings,
Penarth CF64 3ED

www.scottwroe-hearingcentre.co.uk

Go to **The GEM** for the latest stories and breaking news...





Independent Family Funeral Directors

We are an established family-run business serving Barry and the surrounding areas. We can take care of every detail, advise and help you on each and every step of the way.

Traditional/Bespoke Funerals • Private Chapel of Rest • Prepaid Funeral Plans

Horse-Drawn Carriages, Motorcycle Hearse and alternatives available.

Funerals can be arranged in the comfort of your own home.

Independent 24 hour service.

Reliable and professional. Always here for you.



01446 407962

181 Court Road, Barry
Vale of Glamorgan, CF63 1EX
www.valefuneralservice.co.uk



EGGSTRA EGG APPEAL

Lyndsay and Nicola Ellis of



Are calling out for donations of easter eggs
to their Easter Egg Appeal. All donated eggs
will be given to the local charity Vale Food Bank



From now until Monday 10th April eggs can be brought to our office:
Lyndsay Ellis @ The Funeral Service, 181 Court Road, Cadoxton, Barry. **01446 407962**





VIC HOPKINS & SON
FAMILY BUTCHERS LTD.

93 HIGH STREET, BARRY
01446 735265

Easter orders now being taken

@
THE 5 STAR HIGH ST BUTCHER
www.welshbutchers.co.uk

FOOD HYGIENE RATING: 5

LIKE US ON [facebook](#)

Griffs Garage Ltd

- Motor Engineers
- Accident Repair Specialists
- Recovery Service
- MoT Testing Station



Broad Street, Barry
(Daytime) 01446 742752 (Evening 01446 734559)



Join us to celebrate our 9th year in business on Friday 7th & Saturday 8th April

Lots of offers & huge discounts

Only official stockist of 'Yankee Candles & Bomb Cosmetics' in Barry. Also launching Goose Creek Candles.

8 High Street, Barry
CF62 7DZ

[yorkshirecandlesinbarry](#)

Popular retail destination is in UK's top five independent shopping areas and...

HIGH STREET SHOPPING QUARTER WILL MAKE YOUR EASTER EXTRA SPECIAL!



For all your carpet needs and ranges to suit all budgets there's no need to look further than Richard Jones Carpets on Broad Street.

HIGH STREET Traders are well known across south Wales for their show-piece community events and every Easter Saturday provide the colour and excitement of the Bonnet Parade.

Mums and dads, grandparents and guardians enjoy bringing along youngsters decked out in their home made bonnets.

Fay Blakeley of High Street Traders told The GEM: "The parade this Easter Saturday, April 15, will begin at 10.45am at Café No 5. Following the normal tradition, the youngsters will parade up and down both sides of High Street."

The traders have chosen to start this year's parade at a different location, Café No 5, to signal their support for one of the great local causes, ValePlus, a Barry-based charity, runs the café, providing experience and skills opportunities for people with learning difficulties.

Fay explained that people of all ages are welcome to take part in the parade.

"The categories will be fought to five, six to 11 and 12 to 100! The winners of each category will win prizes."

Recently, the High Street area was recognised as one of the UK's top five local shopping areas by the Local Data Company for its great independent shop provision.

The traders have an ongoing campaign to promote what's great about the High Street shopping quarter (this includes High Street, Island Road, Market Street and Broad Street). It

is currently providing 101 reasons to visit the area via social media.

Reasons such as the following – it is 100 per cent independent; you can buy everything for a top Sunday roast locally; are you a mother-of-the-bride? then there are four ladies' fashion shops; why not learn a new skill in High Street? Answer: Some businesses provide special classes in particular skills.

Readers can keep up to date with all the news from the shopping area through the Facebook Page 'High Street Shopping Quarter' or via Twitter @HighStShop

Orders placed via our website or Facebook page before 3pm can be delivered when you get home from work. No more having to put up with supermarket meat."

It's only the very best @HopkinsButchers – the five star High Street butcher!



Easter wouldn't be Easter on High Street, Barry, without popping in to Tony and the staff in Vic Hopkins & Son to order that special Welsh leg of lamb. Tony told The GEM: "With today's working families in mind we now offer an extensive range of 'Ready Meals' and 'food to go', freshly cooked every day including freshly roasted chickens to order, just give us a call! We've also extended our opening times to 5.30pm Monday to Friday, so you can pop in on the way home from work. We offer an out of hours delivery service Monday to Thursday."

Orders placed via our website or Facebook page before 3pm can be delivered when you get home from work. No more having to put up with supermarket meat."

It's only the very best @HopkinsButchers – the five star High Street butcher!

Jade BOUTIQUE

Mid Season Sale
20% OFF All Stock
until Saturday 15th April.

Jane, Kath & Gill would like to wish all customers a Happy Easter.

74 High Street, Barry
01446 730811

Back House Barbers

Hair by **MAX WEBB**
10 years experience

New customers always welcome

OPENING HOURS

Mon-Thurs 9-5pm
Fri 9-6pm. Sat 9-4pm

Simply Massage Holistic Therapies coming soon.

Island Road, (Just off High Street, opposite the tunnel) Barry, CF62 7AR

Streets Brasserie Charcoal Grill

- Prime Scotch Steak
- Superb selection of Chicken Dishes
- Fresh Salmon
- Salad Bar
- Extensive choice of Desserts including Speciality Pancakes
- Selection of Wines

Booking advisable

Open Wednesday to Saturday

4 Broad St, Barry
Tel 01446 721440

Dior

DIESEL

GUCCI

CARRERA

bolle

TED BAKER

ELLE

roberto cavalli

TOM FORD

CONVERSE

GIVENCHY

POLICE

NICOLE FARHI

HOST

Lippsy

OASIS



For Eyecare that is as as **individual** as you.....

JONES & JONES
OPTOMETRISTS

- Private & NHS Sight Tests
- Meet & Treat Clinics
- Acute Eye Problems
- Glaucoma Diagnosis & Treatment
- Dry & Watery Eye Assessments
- NHS Spectacles (with NHS voucher)
- Designer Frames
- Bespoke High Performance Lenses
- Contact Lenses
- Home Visits



10 High Street, Barry, CF627DZ

01446 400015

www.jonesandjones.org.uk





FAMILIES AND FRIENDSHIP AT THE HEART OF WEST END BARRY



ABOVE:
Wendy and the staff at Cwtch Coffee can guarantee everyone a warm welcome.



LEFT:
Food for Thought has been providing great food and great service on High Street for over 33 years. The business has also supported numerous charities over the years. Leroy (back left) has just volunteered to have a 'back wax' for Ty Hafan. A brave man indeed!



Bespoke Jewellery Workshop are craftspeople dedicated to creating that unforgettable gift.



Miss Holmes has hundreds of gifts from top names including the 'Choconchoc' range that will make a very special Easter gift.



ABOVE:
Fay Blakeley of the gift boutique Homemade Wales on Island Road is modelling a popular 'Barry Island apron' along with a matching tea towel. There are dozens of other delightful Welsh-themed gifts in Homemade Wales to choose from.

LOCAL traders emphasise people can happily spend a whole afternoon or even a day browsing the array of shops in the High Street area.

People are lured to Barry's West End due to the fact that independent shops rely on skilful buying to survive and source something 'that little bit different'.

Nicola at Miss Holmes is renowned for her ability to bring the very top names to High Street and she's done it again. This time with Choconchoc. The company was featured on TV when master baker Mary Berry visited its premises to have a go at making the high quality sculptural chocolates using a unique layering process.

What's better than a Choconchoc Easter present?

Nicola stocks a host of top brands like the sparkly and collectable Annie Haak jewellery, and one customer Jane comments on Facebook of Miss Holmes:

"My favourite shop. You will always find the perfect gift."

Bryls Boutique stocks the latest ladieswear, coats, jewellery, watches and handbags.

Ann, the owner, and her staff always provide customers with a warm welcome and good advice.

One of the most popular brands is the classic Ugg boots, but there are other top names too including Estella Bartlett, French Connection, Great Plains, Joules, Darling, Sandwich, Masai, and Yaya.

If you want more information on Bryls Boutique, please go to the Facebook page.

Food for Thought is your

family friendly local deli on High Street.

For many years the Keeble family have been serving up some of the best foods in town.

The staff are keen to support worthwhile causes too, and Leroy has agreed to have his back waxed for charity!

He explained: "I want to do something for Ty Hafan because it is a local charity."

Over 400 people on social media loved the idea.

His dad Nathan has promised there will be 'before' and 'after' pictures for everyone to see!

Just across the road from Food for Thought is Jade Boutique. Jane James has owned four shops in Barry's West End over a 32 year period, all of them providing top fashions for the stylish woman.

Jade Boutique is located at 74 High Street after Jane relocated from number 89 two years ago.

The great thing about Jane is that she gets to know all her customers and can advise on the best outfit or item of clothing.

Her spring collection is in full swing and she is well known for her vast range of fascinators.

If you are in search of something quintessentially Welsh or unique, Island Road is a 'must visit'.

Homemade Wales is a haven of unusual and quality gifts for all occasions, including stylish souvenirs of Barry.

Fay Blakeley, the owner explained: "I'm passionate about my home town and believe that gifts from the town should be stylish, innovative and good quality."

"We work with a number of local photographers, creating beautiful prints and cards of the area. We also commission our

own range of handmade textiles celebrating Barry Island, such as aprons, tea towels and cushions.

"Our latest collaboration has seen us license the reproduction of Ordnance Survey maps of the area for use on quality gifts for the home, such as sandwich trays and mugs."

Fay added: "Many of my regular customers bring their visiting family and friends to Homemade Wales, confident that they'll find something different and local to remind them of their visit to the town."

Next door, Rob Linder, who has been repairing and making jewellery for 20 years, has his work area visible at Bespoke Jewellery Workshop.

People who are browsing the items in the Island Road showroom can watch Rob and his staff carrying out repairs, and creating new pieces of original jewellery.

He and his wife Irene also own Brooklinde Jewellery based at the High Street arcade in Cardiff. In fact the Cardiff store recently won an online 'Jeweller of the Year' competition.

The great thing is that if someone has their own design for a special gift, Rob and the staff can bring it to life. Just pop in to Island Road with your idea, or even a drawing, and they will work with you to create an unforgettable gift for a loved-one.

Bespoke Jewellery Workshop will be open on Good Friday, Easter Saturday, but closed on the Sunday and Easter Monday.

For more information call the Barry store on 01446 732017 or the Cardiff one on 02920 232854.

CONTINUED ON PAGE 27



Freshly made coffees to take away - Cappuccino, Latte, Americano, Espresso & Mocha

A selection of home made salads and home cooked meats

Fresh sandwiches, baguettes, rolls and paninis prepared from 7am

12 High Street, Barry
01446 735711
facebook.com/fftdei | @FFTDei
www.thedelibarry.co.uk

Barringtons
PROPERTY MANAGEMENT & LETTING AGENTS
in partnership with
Vape Blends
Creative & wonderful e-juice flavours
25 High St, Barry, CF62 7EB
01446 738388

Bryl's
Boutique
Wishing all our customers
A Happy Easter
Like our page bryl's boutique to see our latest collections
7 High Street, Barry 01446 748246

MISS HOLMES
THE SHOP FOR EXCLUSIVE GIFTS
Wishing all our customers
A Happy Easter
11 High Street, Barry Tel. 01446 732456
missholmesbarry



So much on offer in High Street...



LEFT:
The
spring
collection
has
arrived
at
Jade
Boutique,
so pop in
and see
Jane now.

CONTINUED
FROM PAGE 26
tour of Barry West
End? And where can you
enjoy a welcome rest
during your shopping

Coffee' which is
celebrating its fourth
anniversary.

It's the perfect
place to have a pit-
stop from all that
shopping or to meet
up with a friend for a
chin-wag.

Wendy and Leanne
have got everything
down to a fine art -
whether it's all sorts
of coffees, lattes and
other drinks to
breakfasts, paninis
and baguettes.

Two weeks ago, the
ladies even hosted a
special champagne
breakfast, well worth
getting up for!

The shop has lots of
loyal regulars who
Wendy and Leanne
know by name.

If you visit, you can
be guaranteed a
warm welcome.



Richard Jones CARPETS



Great floors, great service,
great value.

Carpets from £3.99 sqm

- Ranges to suit all budgets
- Home select service • Expert fitting service
- Free measuring and estimates

25 Broad Street Parade, Barry 01446 740235
www.richardjonescarpets.co.uk



For MoT, servicing and repairs Griff's Garage on Broad Street is a convenient place to drive in your car, leave it in their hands and go for a browse round the High Street shops. For any questions and to book in, call the staff on 01446 752742.

Celebrate Butterflies anniversary this week



BUTTERFLIES is a
unique gift shop that
has been situated on the
High Street for nine years.

The owner Jodie explained: "We
are the official stockist in Barry of
Yankee Candles, Goose Creek
Candles and Bomb Cosmetics.

"We offer a very high standard of
customer service, personal shopping
on Facebook and in store.

"We also offer local and UK

delivery and all our items are
professionally gift wrapped for free!

"We would like to invite you to
join us in celebrating our anniversary
and as a 'thank you' we are providing
lots of offers and promotions
throughout the store on Friday, April
7 and Saturday, April 8.

"There will also be lots of new
stock at the launch."

*Jodie and her fab team would like
to thank all their many customers for
all the support over the years.*

BESPOKE JEWELLERY WORKSHOP



- REMODELS
- REPAIRS
- VALUATIONS

- WEDDING RINGS
- ENGAGEMENT RINGS
- COMMISSIONS



BESPOKE JEWELLERY WORKSHOP • 4 ISLAND ROAD, BARRY
01446 732017

Vale goes mad for tennis festival fun!



VALE Tennis

Academy welcomed

club setting.
With a variety of on

court activities provided
by LTA qualified
coaches, around 200
children (and their
families, if they chose to
join in) enjoyed building
their physical literacy
skills and developing
their tennis knowledge

and ability, and, courtesy
of Tennis Wales and
Syntex Mini, received a
free gift and certificate
of participation.

Vale Tennis Academy
offers a comprehensive
coaching programme for
all ages and abilities of
player, and each of its
venues also has a social
programme available for
players to get-together
more informally both on
court and off.

For more information
please visit
www.valetennisacademy.
co.uk or pop along to one
of our venues and speak
to one of our friendly
coaching team.

PM

The Barry and District Ladies Skittle League

LATEST results for
the Barry and
District Ladies
Skittle League are:

288; Clickies (E Walters
33) 222; Witchill
Widows (L Spyrou 35)
300, Airways Angels (E
Jones 31) 305.

Third division: Little
Devils (L Hughes, S
Harry, P Weston, J H
Jones 23) 243, Twilight
(K Nye 25) 211; Vixens
(N Sheppard 30) 269,
Etcetera (J Baker, J
Barton 24) 249; Rugby
Triers (N Ray 28) 249,
Witches (R Pope 28)
239; Hill Billies (I
Dimond, G Moorcraft
32) 293, La Belles (S
Peacock 35) 302;
Challengers (A Richards
36) 327, S V Ladies (C
Griffiths 34) 295;
Westenders (M Condon
28) 258, Upton Girls (L
Hobbs 28) 252.

Fourth division: Off
The Rails (G Griffiths
25) 239, Witchill
Wanderers (V Kerslake
28) 154; Persuaders (C
Organ, F Organ 24) 225,
Liberals (S Boyd 22)
116; Aristocats (M
Atkinson 27) 230,
Socialites (J Parker 25k)
187; Living On A Spare
Edwards (32) 315; (R
Britton 30) 293,
Breakaways (C Smith, C
Boozy Birds (C Connell
30) 265.

'Decline and Fall' proves Welsh film-making is on the up!



Decline and Fall was filmed last year at locations around Wales.

UK Technology Centre Ffilm Factory 35 is 'thrilled' to be among *Decline and Fall*'s filming locations.

Wales's flourishing film industry will once again be on display this week when the all-star adaptation of *Decline and Fall* returns to our screens.

Evelyn Waugh's comedy novel is set to appear on BBC One again on Friday night starring comedian Jack Whitehall and *Desperate Housewives* star Eva Longoria.

The TV mini series adapted from the 1928 novel, which also stars actor David Suchet, Tim Pigott-Smith and Nickolas Grace, is being brought to screens thanks to Fortitude producer Matthew Bird and writer James Wood.

In a further sign of confidence in the Welsh film and TV industry, the highly anticipated production was partly filmed just 20 minutes outside Cardiff.

Among its filming locations were Castell Coch, Pinewood's Welsh Studio, Llantwit Major, and Sony UK Technology Centre (UK

TEC) in Pencoed. Sony UK TEC, which produces thousands of professional HD and 4K broadcast cameras annually, has recently become a beacon for high-profile productions.

This is thanks to the success of its Ffilm Factory 35, which has hosted TV shows including *Dr Who*, American historical drama *Will*, and film thriller *The Chamber*.

The 30,000 sq ft facility boasts easy access to the M4, on-site security 24 hours seven days a week, access via four loading bays, a variety of on-site services including a canteen for catering, space to house unit base and crew parking, a cinema room for screening, and on-site post-production facilities.

Sony UK TEC director of professional services Gerald Kelly said it was "thrilling" for the Pencoed site to consistently be chosen among filming locations for some of the biggest shows of the moment.

He said: "Since launching the Ffilm Factory in 2015 we have been blown away with the incredible response from the British and Welsh film industry.

'Walk of Christian Witness' takes place on Good Friday

PEOPLE from the Churches of Barry will join together on Good Friday for the annual two-mile 'Walk of Christian Witness' through the town.

Father Robert Parrish, Rector of the Barry Churches of St Paul's and Merthyr Dyfan, and organiser of the walk, said today: "Everyone, children and adults, is warmly invited to join in at the start at the Parade Gardens at 12 noon or anywhere en route."

The walk is being supported by churches of all denominations in the town. Further information from Father Robert Parrish on 01656 668446 to find out more.

PAT SMITH
(Leader)

A den of iniquity at local friendship club?

IT was nice to welcome yet another new member to our Friendship Club for our March meeting.

I hope she didn't think she had come to a 'den of iniquity' when the popular Rummikub and Triominos were put aside and instead it was dominoes and card games (but thankfully no money exchanged hands).

For those who liked the challenge of words, it was 'Up Words'; but from the noise and laughter coming from the games, it was an afternoon of fun for everyone.

Then of course our meeting finished with the usual afternoon tea of homemade sandwiches and cakes.

For our April meeting we will be welcoming John Winton whose talk is entitled 'Have I got Pews for You'.

Meetings are held on the last Thursday of every month when we have a variety of activities, so if you or someone you know would be interested, please call 01656 668446 to find out more.

PAT SMITH
(Leader)

Bridgend Town Twinning group 'is still looking to the future'

BRIDGEND Town Twinning Committee has now become an autonomous self-governing body to be known as Bridgend Town Twinning Association.

A spokesman said: "The aim of the association is to continue its successful links with its two European twin towns, Villenave d'Ornon in France and Langenau in Germany, and its Friendship Link with Hechelt-Eksel in Belgium.

"At the Annual General Meeting on March 24 a few new positions were filled in administrative roles. The former committee would like to thank Mrs Carol James for the years of service she has given this organisation as a faithful and trusted chairperson, always putting the interests of twinning at the top of her list.

"The association is now looking forward with a positive mind-set to continue fulfilling its objectives in friendship, educational, cultural and economic links."

Last week Dawnswyr Penybont visited Villenave d'Ornon in France as part of their celebration for St Patrick's Day. This was a successful visit showcasing Welsh folk dancing, which was fully appreciated and enjoyed by the twin town in France.

On April 22, a group of French students from Villenave d'Ornon will visit Bridgend to experience Welsh education and culture. These students will be hosted by pupils of

Bryntirion and Brynteg Comprehensive schools.

The spokesman explained: "A full week of activities has been planned by the Town Twinning Association for these students, including visits to the Principality Stadium, Big Pit, St Fagan's Museum of Welsh Life and Dan-yr-Ogof caves.

"The association is very grateful to all the families who will be hosting these young people during their stay in Bridgend.

"On June 1 the Tabernacle Music Society, together with members of the Town Twinning Association, travel to Bordeaux to take part in a European Music Festival at Villenave d'Ornon along with musicians from Germany, Italy, Portugal and France.

"While there they will be taking part in two days of concerts and also have the opportunity of sightseeing in the beautiful regions surrounding Bordeaux.

"Two more visits are being arranged for later in the year. The first with our Friendship link town of Hechelt Eksel and the second when Cor Bro Ogwr visit Langenau in Germany, where they will put on a number of concerts."

He added: "To dispel any doubts the residents of Bridgend may have, Bridgend Town Twinning is still an active and forward-thinking organisation who look for your support.

We invite anyone to become a member of our association, attend our meetings and join in our social events."

Free to enter Porthcawl Easter egg hunt

FIVE hundred plastic eggs will be hidden throughout Porthcawl's streets this Saturday, April 8 for an egg-stravagant Easter egg hunt!

Between 11am and 3pm, you can join the search for the coloured eggs that will be placed on John Street, Dock Street, Well Street, Lias Road, Station Hill (New Road), the seafront end of Mary Street, and on the Esplanade between the Grand Pavilion and Cosy Corner.

Each child taking part is asked to 'please only take one egg' – all of which will win a prize. Once found, simply

Wheatley's Free Fire is well worth getting caught up in!

THERE are few more exciting directors around at the moment than Ben Wheatley.

Ever since his debut *Down Terrace* in 2009, Wheatley has bounced from genre to genre, the only constant being the quality of the films never dipping below superb.

His sixth film, *Free Fire*, sees him tackle the world of action, specifically gun shoot-outs.

The brief synopsis is that the story is set in Boston in 1978, where a meeting in a deserted warehouse between two gangs (comprising among others, Brie Larson, Cillian Murphy, Sharlto Copley, Armie Hammer and Jack Reynor) in an arms deal which goes south, and turns into a shootout where no-one is guaranteed to be walking away...

Given that Ben Wheatley's films have been so tricky to pin down in terms of which genre he's working in, it seemed a case of when, and not if, he would tackle an action film.

Free Fire's simplistic set-up gives him the scope to use his own style within the format, and he certainly succeeds in an exemplary effort that maintains pace throughout and makes for a satisfying and joyous watch.

The plot's heavy lifting takes place, and is done and dusted, within the first 20 minutes or so – a gun deal between the IRA and an arms dealer goes awry when two opposing men discover they have history from the night before.

A shot is fired and all hell breaks loose.

What follows is balletic action (shot through with a gritty realism), laugh-out-loud humour and people getting shot at regular intervals.

If that makes it seem reductive it both is and it isn't – that is indeed what happens for the remainder of the film, but in the hands of a director as skilled as Ben Wheatley, your attention never wavers, caught up in the maelstrom that engulfs the characters as alliances are formed, broken apart and duplicitous dealings take place.

Wheatley co-wrote the script with wife and regular collaborator Amy Jump, and for those who have watched Wheatley's previous films (and if not, why not?) the rich seam of dark humour they mine is ever-present

Hollywood stars like Brie Larson, Cillian Murphy and Armie Hammer, or homegrown actors like Michael Smiley, Jack Reynor and Sam Riley.

They all bring something to the table, but stand-out is Sharlto Copley's turn as South African arms dealer Vernon. With his fancy haircut, Savile Row suits and suitably cheesy catchphrase "Watch and Verrn", Copley is excellent in a sea of superb performances.

Visually Wheatley conveys the grit and realism of the 1970s, the gun violence feeling realistic rather than stagey – bullets leave their mark, gun shots are as haphazard as you would expect from people clinging desperately to their lives – yet those familiar with his work will recognise his small touches.

More directly accessible than his other films, *Free Fire* is the work of a director confident and assured – as straightforward as it may seem, its simplicity is key in creating a film that is funny, captivating and hugely watchable.

VERDICT – Ben

Wheatley's unique take on an American gangster staple, *Free Fire*'s 90-minute shootout is sublimely realised. The script is superb in its economy.

Wheatley's direction is efficient and realistic and the performances across the board are superb. *Free Fire* certainly hits its target in one of the best films of the year so far.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Reservoir Dogs* (1992), *High Rise* (2015)



by
GARETH JAMIESON

Follow Screen Talk on Twitter – @GEMScreenTalk

here.

In what is essentially a 90-minute Mexican stand-off, the script plays out as one long action scene, the beats carefully laid out allied to characters that we learn just enough about to engage with.

You can imagine each of the actors has a detailed backstory of who their character is and their lives away from the warehouse, but what is cleverly shown on screen is just enough to keep you invested in them, drip feeding you parts of their character as the film progresses.

While all dangerous people, their malevolence is never overly amped up – instead it's played lightly as characters wind each other up and build tensions that will come boiling to the surface once the bullets start flying.

The ensemble are all superb, all deftly realised by some skilled performers, whether they are established

Vernetta at Foxy's



From April 8 to 22 there is an exhibition of work by the artist Vernetta at Foxy's delicatessen in Penarth, offering audiences a central display of three-dimensional cameo/driftwood pieces.

Her second project at the moment is the creation of a book: 'Walking the Waves' containing information and images regarding the piers of Wales. 34 artists/craftspersons have submitted details of their work (and of themselves) with a digital print showing their images, and giving a description of the approach they have used.

Appropriate images and information could still be included and the deadline for this is June 1.

Further information can be obtained by calling Vernetta on 01446 730639. Vernetta O'Connor www.vernetta.co.uk

What's on, and where?

Easter Family Fun with GVS

ALL are welcome for crafts, celebration and tea at Bethel Baptist Church, Barry on Saturday, April 15 from 4pm - 6pm.

Diabetes event

THE next meeting is on Tuesday, April 18 in the Board Room at Llandough Hospital, Penarth from 7.30pm - 9pm.

The speaker will be Ian Jones, optician, who will speak on eye problems associated with diabetes and general eye care advice. Anyone welcome!

Sponsored walk in Sully

THE Saving Sully group are holding a sponsored walk on Sunday, April 30 meeting at the Jubilee Hall at 10.30am, and will commence their walk at 11am.

The marshalled route will be to Cosmeston Lakes and returning via Swanbridge where refreshments will be provided at the Seashore Grill; then along the new coastal footpath back to the Jubilee hall.

The walk is to raise funds to provide defibrillators for Sully, Swanbridge, and Lavernock. Any donations also welcome for this worthwhile

cause.

All ages are welcome to take part, parents with prams, pushchairs and dogs on leads.

Sponsorship forms are available from the Jubilee Hall, The Sully Club Restaurant, Sully post office, The Old School, Sully School, and SSG website.

Donations can also be made to SSG via Paypal at website

www.savingsully.org.uk.

KPC Youth charity golf event

ON Friday, June 23

KPC Youth & Community are holding their annual charity golf day at the Grove Golf Club, Porthcawl.

Entry for teams of four is £160 per team (but we are offering an 'Early Bird' deal of £140 for any entries/payments received by April 30). Entry includes coffee on arrival, golf fees and a buffet meal following the round of golf.

Sponsorship is also sought for raffle/auction prizes or £50 to sponsor a hole. For team entry forms/more details call Alison on 01656 749219; kpcyouth@hotmail.com.

Woodham Road Industrial Estate



Diamond Repair Centre provides a top service at affordable prices



DIAMOND Repair Business is a family-run concern by a former BMW employee bringing all the same service at a fraction of the cost of main dealers.

The owner, John Dimond, explained: "We have a free pick-up and drop-off service on request and specialise in BMW and Mini, fault-finding diagnostics, mechanical repairs and all other aspects of motor work."

"We have BMW-trained workers who comply with their repair methods. We also have the BMW computer diagnostic - ICOM - and also have reprogramming software which updates older software issues."

Diamond Repair Centre is a fully operational BMW-qualified accident repair centre catering for all aspects of vehicle paint repairs; and it is 'all insurance companies compliant'.

John added: "We have staff with over 28 years of experience on all makes of vehicles. All our work is undertaken to the highest of standards. We also serve many garages and car sale showrooms within the Vale area with specialist services."

For any help or quotes, call us here to help: 01446 700780, mobile 07989 425 885.

AVEN'S - A TOP DESTINATION FOR VEHICLE REPAIRS



LEE AVEN, the owner of Avens Autos, has 17 years of mechanical experience.

Lee qualified at Hartnell VW/Audi Cardiff and worked there for four years, and was then was employed at Sytner BMW Cardiff for six years.

He then moved to a family-run garage in Dinas Powys which specialised in repairs and restoration of classic Jaguars.

Lee started Avens Autos two years ago and he explained: "At Avens Autos, we carry out vehicle repairs of more or less any kind."

"We also do motorcycle repairs - anything with an engine, more or less!"

"We also do MoT work. We do welding and tyres, both new and part-worn."

"We take pride in our work and do it to a high standard."

All aspects of mechanical work undertaken

- Welding • Servicing • MOT Work
- Repairs • Tyres • Diagnostics

Specialise in

For advice or work please call 07929 447520

Unit 2 Woodham Road, Barry, CF63 4JE
www.avensautos.co.uk leeaven83@outlook.com

DIAMOND REPAIR CENTRE

Specialises in BMW/Mini

- BMW Accident Repair Specialist
- ATA Senior Accredited
- Insurance Company Compliant
- All makes of vehicles repaired
- Servicing, Brakes, Tyres
- BMW Diagnostics, Software Update, Reprogramming
- Timing belts
- General auto electrical repairs



**10% OFF WITH THIS ADVERT
(Quote The GEM)**



FILCO market

EASTER SPECIALS

PROMOTION ENDS 18TH APRIL, 2017

**£5
EACH**

Kinder
My Little Pony/
Transformers Egg 200g



**£3
EACH**

Thorntons
Harry Hopalot Milk/White Egg 151g | Butterfly Egg 149g | Footy Fan Egg 149g



Thorntons
Harry Hopalot Milk/White 200g

**£4.50
EACH**



**£4
EACH**

Cadbury
Milk Tray 360g

£4

Yorkie Mug Egg 190g
KitKat Chunky Mug Egg 180g

**£5
EACH**



**£1.29
EACH
OR 3 FOR
£3**

Malteasers Mini Bunny Egg 80g | Cadbury Buttons Egg 85g
Cadbury Dairy Milk Small Egg 72g | Milkybar Small Egg 65g



**£4
EACH**

**OR 2 FOR
£6**

Celebrations Large Egg 248g | Galaxy Golden Eggs 235g
Galaxy Minstrels Large Egg 262g | Malteasers Teaser Egg 248g
Mars Large Egg 280g | Snickers Large Egg 275g



Pot Noodle
Bombay Bad Boy
Chilli Egg
65g

**£10
EACH**

Green & Blacks Milk/Dark Collection 365g | Thorntons Fudge Brownie/Lemon Meringue/Pecan Pie 338/342/350g
After Eight Premium Egg 500g | Ferrero Rocher Premium Egg 275g | Lindt Luxury Egg/Gold Bunny 322/260g
(Varieties as Stocked)

**FILCO
market**

Promotion runs from 24.03.17 - 18.04.17 | Why not visit one of our other stores, offers will vary throughout stores.

Taibach, Cowbridge, Sarn, Bryntirion, Caerau, North Cornelly, Talbot Green, Maesteg, Barry, Llantwit Major

Filco Supermarkets, 19 Boerton Road, Llantwit Major, CF61 1XZ Tel: 01446 792286 www.filco.co.uk



Spring Cowbridge Feature



King Fox opened recently with trusted brands such as Olymp, Santinelli Tailoring, Brühl, John Smedley and Aquascutum.

Arthur John & Co

Traditional
IRONMONGERS
Country
CLOTHING and
KITCHENWARE
on the High Street

43 High Street,
Cowbridge CF71 7YG
01446 772229



AGRICULTURAL
and
EQUESTRIAN
SUPPLIES
on North Road

North Road Stores
Cowbridge CF71 7DF

enquiries@arthurjohn.co.uk



La Mercerie
Hand Knitting Yarns

Stockist of *Sirdar, Debbie Bliss, Adriafil, Bergère de France, Rico* and *Navia* yarns.

Hand dyed yarn from The Old Piggery.

Locally sourced yarn from Ty Môl Smallholding.

• Wednesday afternoon & evening knitting club!

• Full range of knitting accessories

Back to basics...Wool to touch and feel before you buy!

1 Penny Lane, COWBRIDGE CF71 7EG -
01446 772055 Open Tuesday - Saturday 10am - 5pm

BUILD YOUR OWN BREAKFASTS TUE-SUN
LUNCHTIME 12 FOR £11
INCREDIBLE SUNDAY SHARING ROASTS

44C HIGH ST, COWBRIDGE CF71 7AB
01446 772055 www.bar44.co.uk

Get out and about in Cowbridge now Spring is here - IT'S THE THING TO DO!

THE arrival of blue skies and the approach of Easter are a pretty good sign that Spring is here, and hopefully the cold, grey and damp days of Winter are on the wane.

Suddenly, you have the option of sitting outside with a cold beer or glass of wine, rather than heading indoors to get warm with a hot drink, and it is this change of season that always suits Cowbridge.

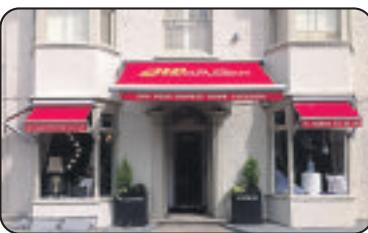
It is, above all else, a town to moolch about in.

Somewhere to take your time and relax, making sure you don't miss what's new or special - rather than rushing from A to B to get out of the cold.

What's new is always the question to ask in the town. It might be new businesses that have sprung up in recent months - or it might simply be, what's new in shops that you know and trust?

As Cowbridge is still keeping the chain stores at bay, it means that many businesses are run and staffed by locals - locals who make their own decision about new lines, rather than just unpacking what head office has decreed to be the hot thing this year.

Shops in Cowbridge have built up their own



GW St Clears offers everything to make a house into a home.

supply chains, and what's new this season is not being replicated in dozens of other outlets around south Wales.

One of the joys of running your own business is backing your own judgement on what will be popular among your own customers.

It's fair to say that Cowbridge customers and shop owners have a more personal relationship than elsewhere in the retail malls or in the chain store world.

Alison Williams, in Pebble, is a good example. She is delighted that she is able to offer her customers the new jewellery range from Blaze Design - a Cowbridge company in fact.

Alison said: "Blaze is not a new name for us. We have stocked their products for some time now, but it is getting to the point where there is

a real buzz, waiting for the Spring/Summer collection."

Key to the Blaze range is sterling silver, hand-made jewellery, using freshwater pearls, crystals and semi-precious stones.

Alison has the latest ranges from some other old favourites too, with Scandinavian cotton knitwear from Odd Molly, and fresh stock from Gant and Hatley.

Cowbridge continues to attract new businesses to the town. A pizza and pasta restaurant is on the way - as is an ice cream parlour by day, which will transform into a cocktail bar at night.

However, one new business that is up and running - since - November of last year is **King Fox**, a menswear store run by **Leila Thornton**.

For Leila, it is a case of keeping it in the family. Her grandfather

bought the adjoining premises in 1958. At the time, it was a barber's, run by Victor Grubb.

In truth, he didn't know what to do with his new premises, and Leila's grandmother had a few choice words for him about that impulse buy!

However, after a few days, she decided to open a dress shop - Bettina's - and was a fixture in Cowbridge for many years.

She expanded, buying the adjoining premises, and it is from this shop that King Fox trades.

Leila said: "I didn't want to have very high end prices, but the quality is still there - with all garments made in the UK or in Europe.

Business has been good since King Fox opened in November. Trusted brands such as Olymp, Santinelli Tailoring, Brühl, John Smedley and Aquascutum mean that customers can be assured of good quality - and Leila has her grandmother's genes when it comes to retailing!

Also on the High Street is **GW St Clears** which has now been open for two-and-a-half years - so it can't be classed as new.

**CONTINUED
ON PAGE 32**



Blaze Designs jewellery is a popular line in Pebble - and the new season's range is now in stock!

GLAM LAMB
LUXURY LAMB PRODUCTS

NEW SEASON SPRING LAMB

Now available from Glam Lamb



Wern Fawr Farm, Ystradgwen, Cowbridge CF71 7SY. Order by Telephone 01446 774458 Email info@glamlamb.co.uk

The pencil case
COWBRIDGE

Easter/Pasg 🐣
cards, presents & helium balloons

School uniform
Scouts & Guides
Ballet & gymnastics
Colourful stationery
for school & home

Monday to Saturday 9am-5pm

50 Eastgate, Cowbridge,
CF71 7AB

01446 772210 / 07974 168472

www.thepencilcase.co.uk

sally@thepencilcase.co.uk

ThePencilCaseCowbridge



Jon Ian
SHOES, BAGS AND ACCESSORIES

For more than 45 years, Jon Ian has been picking out the best in luxury brands

Stockists • Anya Hindmarch
• Patrizia Pepe • Kennel and Schmenger • Ugg Australia
• Dubarry • Church • Brics Luggage • Lisa Kay • Arche
• Diane Von Furstenberg
• Lola Cruz • Mellow Yellow
• Nicola Sexton • Sonia Rykiel
• Kendall and Kylie
• Mercy Delta • Diego • Hayley
Menzies • Max & Moi
• Sam Edelman • Lulu Guinness
• Chie Mihara

JON IAN COWBRIDGE
42 High Street, Cowbridge
01446 775226
JON IAN CARDIFF
7-11 Morgan Arcade, Cardiff
www.jonian.co.uk



Spring Cowbridge Feature



So many reasons to visit Cowbridge!

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 31

However, it does come under the category of 'slow burner' because its aim is to give just a flavour of the company's showroom in west Wales, where they have built the business up over 40 years.

A company spokeswoman said: "For nearly 40 years, we have had the privilege of respectfully working and improving our clients' homes."

"Ever since we opened our lifestyle showroom in Cowbridge, we have been able to offer our product portfolio and services to the Vale and surrounding counties.

"We offer a turnkey installation service, where our dedicated team of tradespeople take care of absolutely everything from top to bottom, whether for a new kitchen, bathroom, bedroom, study, hallway or living room."

Find out more about their hassle-free services at www.gwofstclears.co.uk or telephone 01446 771581.

Of course, choosing somewhere to go for a day out isn't all about shopping, and Cowbridge is bubbling over with choice if you just want to take in pleasant surroundings, and then pause for a coffee, light lunch, bar meal or to eat out in style.

These days, a visit to the walled Physic Garden is a must. It's an object lesson on what can be achieved by a group of motivated volunteers who care about their town.

What was an overgrown garden – neglected for many years – is now a peaceful idyll that has a fascinating educational aspect as well.

The neighbouring Old Hall Gardens have been



Kate Thomas and Holly Howells at Sylvia Williams Chemists.

cared for by more volunteers, and further along, the livestock market is still active every Tuesday. On other days, it is very useful as a free parking area.

At **Sylvia Williams Chemists in the High Street**, pharmacist Kate Thomas has just introduced three prestigious Continental skincare brands.

She said: "We want to make this pharmacy a centre of excellence for skincare."

The products are specialised and, as a result, staff have been given detailed training. Holly Howells is the shop's skincare expert, and she



The Pencil Case supplies Scouting and Guiding uniforms, too.

explained: "We have La Roche Posay and Vichy from France, and the Swiss company Mavala as well."

"La Roche Posay products are formulated to tackle rosacea, eczema, teenage acne and cracked skin, among others. They are conditions that cause a great deal of distress, and La Roche has been working with dermatologists in this field for many years."

"Vichy has a range of make up products and, in particular a foundation, Dermablend, that is designed to hide damaged skin and tattoos, and is very effective."

She continued: "Mavala specialises in creams that moisturise tired skin, and that rejuvenate wrinkles. It's another range that has a strong reputation."

In Eastgate, **Sally Stephenson runs the Pencil Case** which supplies all things relating to writing – whether for business or pleasure.

It's a treasure trove for youngsters, although grown-ups are well catered for too.

Her Easter table – described by Sally as an alternative to an overload of chocolate, is packed with Easter-themed items, from bonnets to balloons, colouring and sticker books, and Easter cards in English and Welsh.

One product line – twako erasers – are so sought after that she is introducing a loyalty card. The distinctive designs cost just £1 each, and from Easter, 10 stamps on the card will mean the next one is free!

Some Cowbridge traders, of course, are not here every day. **Glamorgan Lamb, based in Ystradgyniad, expect their regular customers to be flocking to the Farmers' Market on Easter Saturday in Arthur John's Car Park.**

John Davies, who runs Glamorgan Lamb, explained: "We have an established reputation as the first in Wales to have Spring lambs on sale."

"We plant a root crop in the autumn and when the lambs arrive in January, that diet of roots and mother's milk makes all the difference."



Elephant and Bun: artisanal deli heaven and right on your doorstep.

Glamorgan Lamb do not trade solely at the Farmers' market. They can be contacted on the telephone number shown on their advertisement in this feature.

On Cowbridge High Street, the Elephant & Bun delicatessen is gearing up for Easter with a new range of Welsh artisan beers and ciders that will make any family party go with a swing.

CONTINUED ON PAGE 33



KITCHENS | BATHROOMS | FIREPLACES | INTERIORS

GW of St Clears
FOR YOUR PERFECT HOME INTERIOR

St Clears
Perrin Road, SA33 4AA
T. 01994 230384
E. 01994 230945
www.gwofstclears.co.uk

Cowbridge
81 High Street, CF71 7YN
T. 01446 771581
E. 01446 776481



SYLVIA WILLIAMS CHEMIST

Now a centre of excellence for

SKINCARE

stocking leading brands...

VICHY
MAVALA

34 High Street, Cowbridge CF71 7AG.
01446 773588



5 Town Hall Square, Cowbridge, CF71 7DD.
@pebbleclothing

Spring Cowbridge

SPRING INTO COWBRIDGE!



Jon Ian will guarantee you're in the pink this season.



Fancy spinning a yarn? La Mercerie, in Old Mason's Yard, is the place to go.

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 32

And now is the time to order your quiches, cheeses, salads and cakes for such special events as wedding receptions, christenings, family reunions and farewells.

Don't forget the deli's great range of home made sausage rolls, plus hot-off-the-griddle Welsh cakes as sampled at No 10 Downing Street last month.

And Saturdays wouldn't be the same without Hay-on-Wye baker Alex Gooch's beautiful artisan breads and Nata's custard tarts and doughnuts; only available for sale in Cowbridge at the Elephant & Bun Deli.

Across the road from The Bun, is **Jon Ian**, run by Esther Hitchcock, which has settled into new and larger premises.

Esther said: "The extra space means that we can display a much bigger selection of designer shoes at affordable prices.

"It's like walking into Spring, with all the colours on show.

"Remember, we have every type of footwear from waterproof boots to shoes and bags for every occasion."

Jean Tait runs **La Mercerie**, in Old Mason's Yard, and supplies all types of yarn and things connected with knitting.

Knitting is a pretty social thing, and a number of groups

meet at Jean's shop to compare notes and enjoy a gossip while they knit.

In fact, in June, Jean is hoping to bring as many knitters as possible from around the area together for a charity event.

She said: "On Saturday, June 10, it will be 'worldwide knitting in public day' and we have decided to get together to support another charity event, organised by the Jo Cox Foundation.

"That charity is putting on community street parties, and we will be knitting bunting to help with the street party decorations."

Merger will take law firms to new heights



Left to right: Glamorgan Law's Richard Beech, JCP Solicitors' Hayley Davies, Glamorgan Law's Peter Davies and JCP Solicitors' Kevin O'Brien.

GLAMORGAN Law, based in The Pavilion on the main street in Cowbridge, is entering an exciting new phase, having announced a forthcoming merger with JCP Solicitors.

With offices across south Wales in Cardiff, Cowbridge, Pontypridd and Caerphilly, Glamorgan Law has a sound reputation for providing a comprehensive range of legal services, while JCP Solicitors is one of the most highly regarded legal businesses in south and west Wales, with established offices in Swansea, Carmarthen and throughout Pembrokeshire.

The coming together of the two businesses, on April 25, 2017, will see JCP Solicitors invest in

Glamorgan Law's existing offices, with all partners and employees of Glamorgan Law currently based at those offices remaining within the merged company.

Glamorgan Law has eight directors and 50 additional members of staff, with Senior Partners Peter Davies and Richard Beech, who is currently based in Cowbridge, taking up business ownership in JCP.

The newly-merged law firm will have a turnover in excess of £10 million and it is projected that this merger will make it one of the top 200 law firms in the UK*.

*Projection based upon the criteria of the Lawyer Magazine's Top 200 list 2016.

Police officers donate £2,000 to special care baby unit in Bridgend



Laura Sutherland, staff nurse, holding three-week-old Nate; PC Ceri Francis, DCI Dinlle Francis; Amanda Dyer, senior staff nurse; PC Rea David and Anthony Hopkins, father of newborn twins Cody and Conor.

OFFICERS and staff at a Bridgend police station have munched through a mound of chocolate and snacks to raise a staggering amount for a local cause.

Police Constables Rea David and Ceri Francis were recently able to hand over £2,000 to the Special Care Baby Unit (SCBU) at the Princess of Wales Hospital, thanks to colleagues' support for the tuck shop they run at Bridgend Bridewell station.

The money was raised in just 12 months, and staff at the hospital unit plan to put it to good use buying a portable breast pump and equipment to furnish the family room.

PC Rea David said: "We chose the baby unit to benefit from the proceeds of this year's

tuck shop because some of the officers and staff have had their own babies cared for at the SCBU, so they know first-hand the amazing work they do there.

"Myself, PC Francis and DCI Dinlle Francis recently visited the unit to hand over the money, and the team there were delighted.

"It was great for us to meet not only some of the team, but also some of the families who are currently benefiting from their amazing care.

"We'll now be looking to nominate another good cause to benefit from next year's snack breaks. Any non-profit organisations or charities who'd like to be considered should email me at rea.david@south-wales.pnn.police.uk"

Councillor to stand as an independent in local elections

SENIOR Town and former Vale councillor, Anthony Ernest, has confirmed that he is standing as an independent candidate in the Plymouth Ward of Penarth, in the forthcoming council elections for both the Vale and Penarth.

Coun Ernest has been a member of Penarth Town Council for many years, and has a record of election successes on the Vale Council where he was a cabinet member for a decade, holding various responsibilities which included council housing and public buildings, and more recently leisure, tourism and the arts.

Coun Ernest who was born in the Plymouth Ward ('South and West Penarth') said: "I have been asked to put my



name forward for both councils, as we need strong leadership, considerable experience to each of these widely differing roles in Welsh local government, at this time.

"Having been a Vale and town councillor both in power as well as opposition has given me the confidence to once more take on these roles, which are essential in delivering quality services to the people of Penarth and beyond, and I look forward to that challenge once again."

Friends and Neighbours join the cocktail set!

FRIENDS and Neighbours senior citizen group that meets at Beryl Road Pioneer Hall every month had its spring lunch at The Glamorgan Suite In Barry.

Around 40 members of the group enjoyed a tasty three-course lunch with a welcome cocktail on arrival. The tables were tastefully decorated and the venue was very comfortable.

The students made them very welcome and chatted to them while waiting for their meal.

They enjoyed a starter of soup or chicken salad, which was followed by roast beef, Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes and vegetables. Dessert followed with

Eton Mess with raspberry coulis. The students were very attentive to the members' needs and nothing was too much trouble.

For many of the members it was their first visit and they said how lovely the experience had been, and that they would go again.

A vote of thanks was given to the hospitality and catering students from Vale College which was well applauded by the members.

Members are now looking forward to their Easter party with Barry Male Voice Choir providing the entertainment.

Call Gay Fifield on 01446 400044 for further information.

GEM READERS' LETTERS EXTRA

'Why not relocate waste bins on Friar's Point'

MY husband and I are regular walkers on Barry Island and have noticed a plethora of new waste bins near the beach hut area; plus we are amused by the nine we counted on top of the newly refurbished shelter, as usually there's not a soul on the top of the shelter and the bins are unused and pristine – as are the

many benches. It would be sensible to re-site some of these new bins and put them where they are needed on Friar's Point, but it may have something to do with the fact the council bin truck can drive back and forth along the prom without anyone having to physically walk to empty them.

All the bins seem to be driven to, which is why there aren't many on the Point where lots of people are walking and it would be of great benefit to visitors.

ML Healey, Barry.

'More to pollution than smoke'

IS Coun Moore really so naive to believe that pollution is only caused by "smoke and fumes"?

("Don't spread untruths over new energy plant" – The GEM, March 30.) Perhaps he should look up asbestos and pneumoconiosis (miner's lung) for a start.

Sarah Jones, Barry.



RedKEY Property Services are one of South Wales leading specialist Letting Agencies and we now cover the Vale of Glamorgan

RedKEY specialise in:

- Residential Lettings & Property Management
- Block Management
- Portfolio Management

The Vale of Glamorgan will be covered by Lisa Snooks, who has lived in Barry all her life. With over 12 years experience, Lisa has extensive knowledge within this particular property market, having worked for independent & corporate agents locally. Lisa's love for the property industry shows in her great work ethic & great attention to detail, and she is not afraid of "going the extra mile for her customers".

To book your FREE no obligation Market Appraisal please Call Lisa on 02920 098438

Special Launch Offer!

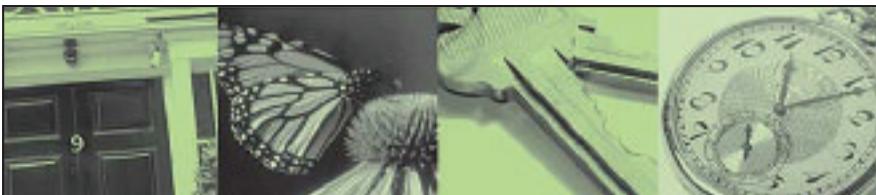
RedKEY Property Services are pleased to announce the launch of our Specialist Lettings & Management Services to the Vale of Glamorgan. To celebrate this launch we are offering:

No letting or management fees for the 1st 3 months!

On ALL new fully managed instructions received by 30th April 2017. To qualify for this offer the property MUST be available to let for a minimum term of 12 months.



redkeylets.co.uk



Time for a **change**, look no further...



Thinking of moving this Spring/Summer?
Call us today for your **FREE** no obligation market appraisal

- Free valuations • For Sale boards • Floor plans, video tours and professional photography as standard • Accompanied viewings 7 days a week
- Extensive advertising • Fixed fee structure

Properties urgently required in

Barry, Dinas Powys, Sully, Rhoose, Llantwit Major, Bridgend & Cardiff.

T: 02920 098988 / 01446 688388 / 01633 530555

www.changes.wales



Zoopla

PrimeLocation.com

rightmove



**Salisbury Road, Barry**

2 Double Bedrooms; West End!
Upgraded Kitchen With Appliances.
Large First Floor Bathroom/WC.

£147,500

D64

**Victoria Road, Barry**

2 Double Bedrooms; Sea Glimpses.
First Floor Bathroom; Super Order Throughout.
Enlarged Kitchen/Breakfast Room.

£149,950

tbc

**Haven Walk, Barry**

4 Bedrooms; NHBC Remainder.
Landscaped Rear Garden.
2 Car Parking; Excellent Site Throughout.

£224,950

B85

**Chris Davies****Greenway Court, Barry**

2 Bedroom Starter Home.
Generous Site Rear Garden.
Well Presented Throughout.

£109,950

C72

**Beryl Place, Barry**

Two double bedrooms.
Informal Loft Room.
Kitchen/Diner; Enclosed Garden.

£139,950

D62

**Court Road, Barry**

4 Bedrooms/2 Receptions.
Mediterranean Style Rear Garden.
Central Location/Excellent Order Throughout.

£175,000

D64

**Maes-y-Coed, The Knap, Barry**

3 Bedroom Apartment.
Stunning Panoramic Sea Views.
Garage; Excellent Order Throughout.

£219,950

E52

Rhoose 01446 711900
Llantwit Major 01446 792020
Barry 01446 700007
 sales@chris-davies.co.uk

Lets!

Ceri Road, Rhoose.
 Two Bedroom Flat.
 Combi Boiler.
 Bathroom With Shower.
 Modern Kitchen.
 D60. Band B.
 £525 PCM



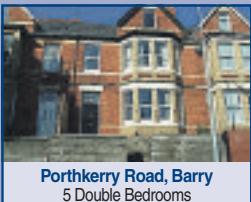
Victoria Road, Barry.
 West End Location.
 Three Bedrooms.
 Stylish Kitchen.
 D65. Band D.
 £775 PCM

**Cwrt Edward, Barry**

4 Double Bedrooms & 2 Receptions.
Large Family Kitchen.
Large Rear Garden.

£229,950

D62

**Porthkerry Road, Barry**

5 Double Bedrooms
3 Receptions; Stunning Views
Good Size Tiered Rear Garden

£244,950

E50

**Clos Cwm Barri, Barry**

Bedrooms; 2 Receptions.
Large Conservatory; Good Size Garden.
Super Order; High Spec Kitchen & Utility.

£285,000

C69

**St James Crescent, Barry**

4-5 Bedrooms & 3-4 Receptions.
Backing Open Countryside.
Refitted Bathroom & En-Suite; No Chain.

£364,950

C73



Church Road, Rhoose
 3 Double Bedroom Semi; Sea Views
 Exceptional Space Throughout
 Rear Garage; Sunny Garden; Super Order

£189,950

tbc

**Rhoose Road, Rhoose**

2 Double Bedroom Ground Floor Maisonette
 Extended Kitchen; Rear Garden; No Chain
 uPVC Double Glazed & Gas Central Heating

£96,950

tbc

**Fonmon Park Road, Rhoose**

3 Bedrooms; No Chain; Garage
 Recently Redecorated Throughout
 Modern Kitchen/Bathroom; Gardens

£141,950

D59

**Cwrt Newton Pool, Rhoose Point**

2 Bedrooms; Generous Rear Garden
 Lovely Order Throughout; Side Driveway
 Rear Lounge; Kitchen/Breakfast Room

£149,950

C70

**Halley Court, Rhoose**

4 Bedrooms; 3 Receptions
 Conservatory; Family Kitchen
 Upgraded; Double Garage; Sunny Garden

£284,950

D68



**LANDLORDS - Quality Tenants,
 Fully Referenced Waiting.**

Call Dawn today to book
 a free rental valuation

01446 791967

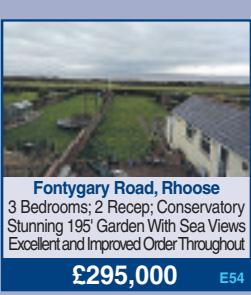
Call Sally today to book a viewing

01446 791965

Call Karen today to book a viewing

01446 791966

lettings@chris-davies.co.uk

**Fontgary Road, Rhoose**

3 Bedrooms; 2 Recep; Conservatory
 Stunning 195' Garden With Sea Views
 Excellent and Improved Order Throughout

£295,000

E54

**Heol Pearetree, Rhoose Point**

5 Bedrooms; 3 Recep & Conservatory
 Pristine Throughout; Backing Fields
 Refitted Kitchen & Bathrooms

£385,000

tbc

**Sea View Court, Rhoose**

Brand New Detached; 4/5 Bed; 2 Recep.
 Approx 3000 sqft/278 sqm Detached
 Double Garage; High End Finish; Gated.

£550,000

DON'T DO IT YOURSELF...CALL A PROFESSIONAL FROM OUR A-Z LIST!

Advertisers please note : deadline for Classified Section is 5pm Monday (to appear in the following week's edition). Telephone 01446 774484, email: vanessa.james@glamorgan-gem.co.uk

Aerials, Digital & Satellite



SONOS WiFi Wireless Sound Systems Supplied and Installed

Free Sky TV Dish & Sky Box Installation
Ring for Latest Subscription Package Deals

£10 CASH BACK for any New Sky Customer Taking a Subscription Package

SKY Repairs, adjustments and installations.

- Domestic & Commercial
- Discounts for Dogs
- 24 Month 7 Days Service
- 12 Month Guarantee
- ROI Approved Installers

FREE ESTIMATES SAME DAY SERVICE

Call Paul Williams
Cowbridge 01446 439 306 Bridgend 01656 349 281

www.onevisionltd.co.uk

Blinds & Curtains



Create the Mood and relax al fresco with awnings from Solar Sunshades.

Shutters Awnings Blinds and Motorisation Conservatories Curtains

Cardiff showroom
Capel Hill Retail Park, Sloper Road,
Cardiff, CF11 8AA

Barry: 01446 438103
Bridgend: 01656 349473
www.solarsunshades.co.uk

Bridgend showroom
North Road, Bridgend Industrial Estate,
Bridgend, CF31 3TF

solar
Create the Mood



1st Digital Aerials
Local Digital Aerial Specialist

Digital Aerials Installed & Repaired. Set Up and Tune In Service.

Problems with:

- Missing Channels
- Freezing
- Breaking Up

Call Adrian on 07999 331 160 or Barry 01446 743267 www.1st-digital.co.uk

VALE DIGITAL
DIGITAL AERIAL & SATELLITE SERVICES

SPECIAL OFFER!!!!
DIGITAL AERIAL COMPLETE INSTALLATION FROM £60
EXTRA ROOMS £20 EACH

TV WALL MOUNTING & TV SET UP & TUNE IN SERVICE
ALL TYPES OF AERIAL & SATELLITES REPAIRED OR REPLACED

Tel. TIM on 07974 065099 ANYTIME

COMPETITIVE PRICES - FREE ESTIMATES - OAP DISCOUNTS - 7 DAY SERVICE
COVERING ALL AREAS

TELE-ELECTRICAL SERVICING
Specialist repairs in TV, Video, DVD & Audio. Installations, tuning and set-up service.

Tel: (01656) 654156 or 07792 887835

Building Services



ace Building & Civils
GENERAL BUILDING, REFURBISHMENTS & CONVERSIONS.
DEMOLITION & GROUND WORKS.
DRIVEWAYS, PATIOS, GARDEN WALLING & PATHS.
KITCHENS, BATHROOMS & GENERAL WOODWORK.

Tel: 07891 259219 or 01446 626010
www.aceplasteringandbuildingservices.co.uk

MIKE ANDERSON
BUILDERS EXTRAORDINAIRE
BUILDING & ROOFING SPECIALIST

- Renovations
- Slate & Roof Tiling
- Timber Framed Houses
- Barn or Loft Conversions
- Conservatories
- UPVC Windows & Doors
- Wetrooms and all invalidity
- Bathrooms & Showers

Call now for a FREE estimate
01656 771870 / 07976 720368
Email: MAbuilders2015@outlook.com

Building Services

MASONWISE BUILDERS

01446 742928

Established since 1979

- Extensions
- Disabled Grant Work
- Roofing & Repairs
- Conservatories
- Patio & Drives

No Job Too Small
Free Estimates
44 Newlands Street,
Barry

AFFORDABLE BUILDING SERVICES

Extensions, Renovations

Brick/Blockwork
Kitchen & Bathroom Fitting
Carpentry & Plastering
Digger/Driver Hire

02920 309209
07583 761681

STANTON CONSTRUCTION

All building work covered

- Roofing & Repairs
- Rendering
- Driveways
- Guttering
- Chimneys
- Extensions
- Disabled Bathrooms
- UPVC Windows & Doors
- Stairlifts
- All Electric Work

01446 489368

ace Plastering & Building Services

PROFESSIONAL PLASTERING CONTRACTORS

'Bring your home up-to-date with a smooth & modern finish.'

Tel: 07891 259219 or 01446 626010
www.aceplasteringandbuildingservices.co.uk

S. Williams Building Services and Roofing Contractor

FREE QUOTATION

All aspects of building, roofing, fencing, painting, patios, lead work, guttering, fascia boards, chimney stacks, dormer conversions and much more!

01446 774824, 07762452451 or sopwil263521@hotmail.com

Call, Text or Email today for reliable and high quality services!

BARRY & VALE DAMP & TIMBER TREATMENT

SOLVING ALL YOUR DAMP PROBLEMS

01446 420784
07970 642537
www.barryandvaledampproofing.co.uk

Broadband/ Telephones

ARDENT TELEPHONE WIRING

Local Telephone and Broadband Engineer. Extensions and Faults. Internet connection issues.

Tel 07787 380972

Carpets

VALE CARPETS

The Carpet Shop that comes to you
100's of Carpet & Vinyl samples
Established since 1980
Also Carpet, Upholstery Cleaning

Tel: Paul Wright
01446 751152
07811 092477

AB COMPUTER SERVICES

TUITION - BROADBAND WIRELESS NETWORKS REPAIRS & INSTALLATION
For home or office
Tel: 07811 422 946
www.cowbridge-it.co.uk

Chimney Sweeps

Install a Stove

Log burners, chimneys, external flues.

HETAS registered, chimney sweep

Alex Davies

Solid fuel specialist/installer
Llanwit Major, Vale of Glamorgan
alex.chopper@hotmail.co.uk 07723565047

Computer Services

Fast, reliable computer repairs
Home or Business
Bring to us or onsite service
Virus problems, data recovery,
Internet issues etc.
Covering the Vale and surrounding areas

Tel 01446 333330

www.hdcs.co.uk

HD**C**S

We've got it covered

Unit 37a

Vale Business Park
Llandow, CF71 7PF

www.hdcs.co.uk

Decorating Services

TRUE COLOURS

Painter & Decorator
Interior & Exterior

City & Guilds Certified

25 years experience

Wallpaper specialist

Free Estimates

Quality Guaranteed

07873 326 892

01446 402 708

Clock Restoration

Inexpensive Painting

Exterior & Interior

Using Quality Paint

Tel: 01656 741586

07704 535802

See more Decorators on the next page....

**GENUINE
15% OFF
SALE***

STARLINE
Awnings & Blinds

Unit 3 & 4, Western Industrial Estate, Caerphilly
CF83 1BQ • www.starline-blinds.co.uk

TEL (029) 2086 0631

STARLINE
Awnings & Blinds

**GENUINE
15% OFF
SALE***

D.GULLIVER

First Class Painter and Decorator

Paper Hanging a Speciality

• All Internal & External Work

• No job too small

• 35 Years Experience

• Free Estimates

Tel 01446 404506

Mobile: 07906 858152

See more Decorators on the next page....

Decorating Services

COWBRIDGE DECORATING

- Domestic & Commercial work
- Interiors & Exteriors
- Insurance work undertaken
- UPVC Softfix, fascias & guttering
- Clean, tidy & reliable

01446 781448 www.cowbridgedecorating.com
07973 628842 email: jdrummond13@gmail.com

Serving Cowbridge and the Vale

FREE estimates & quotations

www.daisydecoratinganddesign.com

- Female run business
- Interior painting & wall papering service

Phone Joy on 07754 809090

Double Glazing

WINDOW AND DOOR REPAIR SERVICE

OVER 30 YEARS EXPERIENCE IN ALL ASPECTS OF UPVC AND ALUMINIUM WINDOW AND DOOR REPAIR
Do you have any of the following problems...?

- Misted-up Double Glazing • Broken Hinges
- Seized Patio Door Rollers • Faulty door Locks
- Seized Handles • Draughts • Leaks, etc
- If so phone for a free estimate and advice

FREEPHONE COWBRIDGE 0800 169 5171

We offer a competitive and friendly service to the Vale and surrounding area
TRY US FOR NEW UPVC WINDOWS AND DOORS
8am - 8pm (7 days)
www.windowtec.repair

Window Tec UK

• Window and Door Repair •

WELSH WINDOW SYSTEMS
Est. 1987

Repairs to all UPVC & aluminium windows & doors
01446 738888
07877 836798

STEVE MOLONEY

Double glazing repairs.
Hinges, handles, misted up sealed units, complete repair service available.
Established 1979.

01656 783594
or
07877 558525

Electrical Services

ELECTRICAL REPAIRS

Washing Machines, Cookers, Fridge/Freezers, Tumble Dryers, Ovens, Hobs, Hoods. Built-in or Freestanding Appliances.
APPLIANCE CENTRE
01446 700206/730884

Barry & Vale Electrical RLS

All domestic electrical work undertaken.
No job too small.
07909 953917

LK Electrical

All types of Electrical work undertaken.
Testing, Inspection & Certification
ELECSA

07891 965150

Electrical Services

CA Jones Electrical Services

- Specialising in all types of electrical heating.
- Registered to Install Dimplex heaters.
- Upgrade your old fuse board to a modern MCB board from £150.
- Installing, test & maintaining electrical systems.
- Keeping standards high & our prices low.

07889338088 / 01656 864001
Email: cajoneselectrical@gmail.com

A&C Electrical Solutions

Domestic Appliance repairs.
Appliances not removed.
Appointment times given
Over 30 years experience
Covering Penarth to Porthcawl
Card payments accepted.
07732 264 803 24 Hr

REPAIRS

Washing Machines
Electric Cookers,
Tumble Driers, etc
Repaired in your own home
0800 2984518
Barry 744117

Exterior Cleaning

Dirty Driveway, Deck, Patio or Paving?



Free no-obligation quotations
"You'll be amazed at the difference"

Tel: 02920 700571
www.ValeJetClean.co.uk

VCS

Vale Cleaning Services Offer
Window Cleaning, Jet Washing, Gutter Cleaning and Clearance
Conservatories Valeted, External Painting.
Call 07723 612876

DON'T DO IT
YOURSELF...
...CALL A PROFESSIONAL
FROM OUR A-Z LIST!

Garage Doors

GARAGE DOOR SERVICES

In the Vale serving the Vale

All types of doors supplied, fitted & repaired
Over 15 years experience.
Same day repairs.

07783 703366
01446 743181
www.gdsdoors.co.uk

Garden Services

LUMBERJACKS
TREE & GARDEN SERVICES

CITY & GUILDS QUALIFIED

ALL WORK IS TO THE LATEST
BRITISH STANDARDS BS-3998-2010

Call for all your Tree, Hedge and Shrub needs
For a completely free no obligation quote

- 2 million pounds Public Liability Insurance
- All credentials happily produced on request
- All waste generated removed within quotations

SEASONED HARD WOOD LOGS FOR SALE £80 1 CUBIC M³ LOOSE

Free local delivery

10% OFF
with this
advert
Call Dion anytime
on 01446 728197

WE WILL
BEAT ANY
GENUINE
QUOTE

COWBRIDGE LANDSCAPES & SUPPLIES

Garden Maintenance,
Tree, Shrub, Hedge
Planting, Lawns
Call: 07845 924232

THE FENCING DOCTOR

All types of
fencing undertaken.
New fencing & repairs
carried out.
Supply & fit available.
New gates supplied
& fixed. Grass Cutting.
Free quotation.
Call Graham
07969 039358

NDP GARDEN and PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

Grass Cutting, Weeding
Shrubs & Hedges Trimmed,
Tree Felling,
Fencing, Turfing.
Gutters & Fascias Cleaned
Drives, Patios, Roofs, etc.
Power Washed.

- Free Estimates
- Reliable Family Team

01446 773935
or 07773 992704

James Neilson Fencing, Decking & Landscaping Services

All aspects of Fencing and
Decking undertaken.
No hard sales just a chance
to quote. Free quotation.

01446 402765
07540 117474

T&O Landscape
Gardening &
General Building
Lawns Cut • Hedges Cut
• General Tidy-Up
• Rubbish Removal
• No Job Too Small
01466 407246
07890 332358

Fascias & Guttering

CCMS (Wales) Ltd
GUTTER CLEANING
FASCIA WASH &
WINDOW CLEANER
01446 741460
07830 480569

Handyman Services

Need something fixed in the
house or garden?

Call the man who can!
No job too small. Trustworthy
handyman. CRB/DBS checked.
Garden Tidy ups and
Pressure Washing.
Telephone Phil on:
01466 792543/07903 755055

ace

Building, Maintenance &
Handyman Services
around the home.
07891 259219
01446 626010

Loft Conversions

Is your roof space
a waste of space?

Loft ladders supplied
& fitted from only £184



10% DISCOUNT
on all advertised
prices with this ad

- Loft boarding - for a safe storage area
- Hatch enlargements - too small to get in?
- New access points cut
- Loft insulation - top up to current regs

Call Dave or Matt on 02911 971871 or 07786 033810
Web: aticattack.net daveaticattack@gmail.com

Metalwork

Wrought Iron
Metalwork
by Mark Lund
Locally based in
Rhoose. Design & Prices available.
Call 07715 783519

Plumbing Services

• Plumbing
• Heating
• Bathrooms
• LPG
• Landlord Certificates

Tony Patten: 0778922800
Aberthin, Cowbridge
Valeheatingco@yahoo.com

JOHN SARTAIN

Plumbing & Tiling



01446 794266

AQUATEC PLUMBING & CO

CALL FOR A FREE QUOTATION

- PLUMBING • CARPENTRY • TILING

• FLOORING • PAINTING • DRY WALL LINING

- PLASTERING AND MUCH MORE

ALL REALISTIC QUOTES BEATEN

07870568388 / davidew72@gmail.com

See more Plumbers
on the next page....

Gas Services

Andrew Allen Gas & Plumbing Limited

A family run business
for your family needs!

INSTALLATION, SERVICING
& BREAKDOWNS ON ALL GAS APPLIANCES.
ALL FIRES & FIRE SURROUNDS INSTALLED
GAS BOILER SERVICE £50 (WITH CERTIFICATE)

10 Year Warranty
on New Boilers
Subject to
conditions

Find us today on Facebook.
TEL: 07891 348113
and 07740 518131



Plumbing Services

S.M.Vaughan

HEATING & PLUMBING - DOMESTIC & COMMERCIAL
 • Boilers • Pipework • Radiators
 • Gas Safety Certificates
 • Fires Servicing • LPG Specialists
 • Static Homes/Caravans/Boats



01446 734733 • Mob 07976 790096
 Unit 11, Ty Verlon Ind. Estate, Barry

DC Plumbing

- NO call out charge
- Flexible hours
- No job too small

Call Dave 01446 413971
 Mob: 0779 263 0939

Chris Davies
Plumbing & Heating**City & Guilds**

Rads, Taps, Bathrooms & Boiler Installations

07723 024765

Call 01446 774484
 to advertise with
 The GEM, and
 reach 45,000 homes
 from Penarth to
 Porthcawl...

JW Bathrooms

- Plumbing • Tiling
- Plastering • Wet Rooms
- Free estimates
- No job too small

01446 400225
 07866 470754

Roofing Services

01656 720551
 07973 488806

Roofing specialists

S. MIDDLETON & SON

We cover all aspects of roofing
 including Firestone EPDM Flat Roofing
 Rubber Systems
www.middletonroofing.co.uk

ROOFTEC
 ROOFING SERVICE
 New slate/ tile/flat roofs.
 Also fibreglass flat roofs.
 All aspects of PVC
 guttering, fascias,
 downpipes, etc.
 Chimney/ valley repairs.
 House maintenance
 work carried out.
 No job too small.
 Guaranteed competitive rates.
 Tel. (01656) 722593
 Mobile: 07969 248688.
 Free estimates
 24 hour emergency call out.

CRD
 CONTRACTORS LTD
 All types of guttering and
 repairs from £40.00. Roof
 repairs from £50.00. Fascia,
 Gutter & Conservatory Cleaning.
 Telephone:
 01443 887646/07899 164310

Call 01446 774484
 to advertise with
 The GEM, and
 reach 45,000 homes
 from Penarth to
 Porthcawl...

Removal Services

U Direct I Collect Services

Light removals
 All work considered
 Any Place • Any Time
 07944 743932

PYRAMID REMOVALS

Near or far,
 small or large
 01446 311261
 07392 237370

School of Motoring

Cats Eyes
 Driving School Ltd
 • Learn to drive at 14yrs old
 • Intensive 1 week courses
 • Manual & Auto • Male/Female Tutors
 0800 0280 406
www.catseyesdrivingschool.co.uk

Septic Tank Disposal

OK Environmental Services Ltd
 Local family-run business for all your
 liquid waste needs. Cesspits/Septic Tanks,
 Liquid Waste Specialists.
 Contact William Oakes on 01656 862414
 07779 255639/07870 388432

Storage Services

ATLANTIC SELF STORAGE

Self Storage Containers &
 Lock-Ups sited in Barry
 Manned 7 days a week
 giving you 7 days access
www.atlanticselfstorage.co.uk
 01446 677648 / 07813 134123

Wanted

SBS SALVAGE LTD

Barry's newest car
 dismantling facility
 registered with the
 environment agency, DVLA
 & Vale of Glamorgan Council

No job too big
 or too small

Immediate payment of up to £10,000

MOT failures / Untaxed or scrapped vehicle.
 Best prices paid for copper / Lead,
 Aluminium / Stainless steel,
 Computer boards / Electric cable
 and catalytic converters

Free of Charge:

- Light demolition
- Factory/Farm Clearances
- All grades of metal taken
- Ferrous or non-ferrous
- Household appliances
- Car batteries

CALL US TODAY www.sbssalvage.com Monday to Sunday
 01446 421034 • 07772 054534 • 07410 549526

WANTED**Camper Van/Caravan**

Any age, any condition, including an
 unfinished project with/without MOT.
 If it's in your garage or on your drive.

Call Mark, cash waiting
 07425 139331

SUTTONS
Auto Salvage

TOP PRICES paid on
 collection, for scrap,
 MOT failures, and tax
 expired vehicles.
 Also body shells and
 scrap metals collected.
 No wheels, no problem.

02920 597887
 07971 648596

WANTED**Classic/Old Car**

Any age, any condition, including
 an unfinished project or motorcycle.
 If it's in your garage or on your drive.

Call Mark, cash waiting
 07425 139331/01446 794866

Upholstery Services

Susan Viant
 Re-upholstery
 All aspects of
 re-upholstery undertaken.
 Call
 01656 724005
 (day)
 01656 720722
 (evenings) wanted

Tiling Services

Bonny Tiler

Wall & Floor Tiling Specialists
 Full Bathroom and
 Wetroom installation
 Professional, Friendly & Reliable Service
 01446 796582 / 07854 168459
www.bonnytiler.co.uk

Tiling by Tanya

- ★ All aspects of wall & floor tiling
- ★ Ceramic, porcelain, natural stone
- ★ Friendly, professional service
- ★ No obligation free quotes
- 07814 124 851 or 01446 736760

Window Cleaning Services

Double Glazing Doctors
Window Cleaning

Just 50p per window / £1 per door. This includes
 thorough clean of frames and drainage.
 12 years experience manufacturing and installing
 upvc windows and doors. We also offer general
 repairs of glass, locks, handles and hinges.

Mike: 07486 483158 dgdoctor@yahoo.com

Wood for Sale

FIREWOOD

Seasoned & Kiln Dried
 Call 01446 771567
 for bulk winter deals
www.topstak.co.uk

Buy 10
 handy bags
 at £5.50 each
 get 1 free!

Topstak

Topstak

Funeral Directors



Independent Family Funeral Directors

We are an established family-run business
 serving Barry and the surrounding areas.
 We can take care of every detail, advise and help
 you on each and every step of the way.

01446 421212

Traditional/Bespoke Funerals
Private Chapel of Rest
Prepaid Funeral Plans

Horse-Drawn Carriages, Motorcycle Hearse
 and alternatives available.

Funerals can be arranged in the comfort of your own home.

Independent 24 hour service.

Reliable and professional.
 Always here for you.

01446 407962
 181 Court Road, Barry
 Vale of Glamorgan, CF63 1EX
www.valefuneralservice.co.uk

**Park Independent Funeral Directors**

Caring for Your Loved Ones



- 24hr Immediate Attention
- Affordable Funeral Packages
- Male & Female Staff
- Funeral Plans Offered
- Horse Drawn Hearse, a motor cycle and sidecar
 hearse, a classic lorry, a Bagpiper, or Doves,
 which are sometimes released at our Funerals
- Eco Friendly Funerals, coffins made
 from natural materials.

Call us on 02920 705555 www.parkfunerals.co.uk
 3 Andrews Buildings, Stanwell Road, Penarth, CF64 2AA
 7 Tynewydd Road, Barry, CF62 8HB 01446 421212

**Robert D Johnson**

Cert FP

Independent Funeral Director
 Family owned and run

Affordable Funeral Packages

Hearse • One Limousine • Coffin • Crematorium Fees
 Minister Fees • Doctors Fees

£2950

Price based on Barry Crematorium

• 24 hour immediate personal service

• All funeral arrangements are tailored to your requirement,
 more importantly, your budget

• Arrangements available seven days a week • Private chapel of rest

29 Holton Rd, Barry CF63 4HA

Tel 01446 733844

Email rjfunerals@gmail.com

www.robertdjohnsonfuneralservices.co.uk

**Penarth Funeral Directors**
Hickman Road Funeral Home

AVERAGE COSTS INCLUDE:

Coffin, Hearse, Limousine, Robe,
 Bearers, Grave or Cremation,
 Church, Minister & Doctor's Fees

No charge for services not required
 Cremation - Thornhill £3,275
 Cremation - Barry £3,450
 Burial - Penarth £3,300
 Burial - Barry £3,440
 No Hidden Costs

02920 703581

Supporting local charities with monthly donations

Barry House Clearance

We offer a fast reliable
 service clearing:

- Houses
- Attics
- Garages
- Outbuildings
- Garden Waste

Household items bought &
 sold. No job too large or small.
 Established over 25 years. For
 free no obligation estimate call:
 Alan - 07950 278284
 Steve - 07500 041690

www.barry-house-clearance.co.uk

Family Notices

VENTON

Thomas

Sadly at home on 28th March 2017, Tom, aged 92 years. Dearly loved husband of Roma, much loved dad of Clive, Adrian and the late Kevin. Cherished grandfather and great grandfather, also a loved twin brother of Enid.

Tom will be greatly missed by all his family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the service at St Helen's Roman Catholic Church on Tuesday, 11th April at 11am, followed by committal at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium. Family flowers only. Donations in lieu, if so desired, for Dementia UK c/o the funeral Director.

JONES

Richard

The family wish to announce the sad passing of Richard on 1st April at the University Hospital of Wales. Richard was well known for his time at Barry College, a keen bowler at Romilly Bowls Club and for his love of dancing. A beloved husband to the late Jean and long time companion of the late Betty. A loving dad to Carol, Gail, Debbie and Stuart. Much loved father-in-law to Steve, Gary and Mary. An adored grampy to his five grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Richard is in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, Court Road, Barry until his service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium on Wednesday, 12th April 2017 at 11am. Family floral tributes only. Donations, gratefully appreciated, may be made at the service or via Richard's online tribute page at www.valefuneralservice.co.uk where you are also welcome to leave your personal messages and memories. All donations received to support Barry Dock RNLI & British Heart Foundation.

In Memory

GWILLIAM

Arthur John

Treasured memories of my darling husband Arthur, dearest dad of Judith, respected father-in-law of Steve and adored gramps of Abbie and Lucie.

Always in our hearts and thoughts.

Thank You

Thank you

Jo & Tony Meakin

We would like to thank our family and friends who attended our Golden Wedding Anniversary party on 31 March at St Athan Golf Club. It made our special day an extra special day. Also, many thanks for all the lovely presents given to us.

JONES

Geoffrey Peter

Peacefully at home after a brave fight and with his family present, Geoff, aged 67 years. Beloved husband of Julie, much loved dad of Angela, Simon and Siân. Loved step dad to Darren and Vincent, loved granddad to Oliver, Jamie and Imogen, loved brother of Ruth, Malcolm and families. Also loved by Julie's grandchildren Evan and Ruby.

Geoff will be greatly missed by all his family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium on Wednesday, 12th April at 1.15pm. Family flowers only. Donations in lieu, if so desired, for Cancer Research UK c/o the funeral director.

GOLDMAN

Myfanwy Ann

Sadly after a short illness bravely fought at Holme Tower on 31st March 2017, Myfanwy, aged 80 years. Devoted wife of Cyril, much loved sister of Yvonne and dear aunt to Lesley.

Myfanwy will be greatly missed by all her family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the private family service which takes place on Monday, 10th April.

LIOSATOS

Dimitri

Peacefully on 1st April at Springbank Nursing Home, Barry, Dimitri, aged 89 years, previously of Gaen Street, Barry. Dearly loved father of Alexandra, Jason and father-in-law of Rick and Louise. Cherished grandfather of Limony, Amelia and Willow.

Dimitri will be sadly missed by all of his family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, Gladstone Road, Barry until the funeral on Thursday, 13 April, service in the chapel at 3pm, followed by cremation at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road East, Barry, 4pm.

Funeral Directors

Est 1946 - 24 hour Service

W.H. PREENE & SON

INDEPENDENT
FUNERAL DIRECTORS

PRIVATE CHAPEL OF REST
PRE-PAID FUNERAL PLAN AVAILABLE

54 MAIN STREET, CADOXTON
Telephone 01446 420520

Cadoxton Funeral Home

Birthdays

Birthdays

Articles For Sale

Acorn
Slimline Stairlift
for straight stairs.
Price includes fitting by trained engineer.
£500
01446 711739

White Cane Chair £10.
Duresta 3 seater sofa
85" wide £30.
Indesit Washing Machine
A++, 1yr old £50.
Tel 01446 771523
BUYER COLLECTS,
PRICES ONO.

TWO 2 SEATER SOFAS

Light beige fabric,
excellent condition
£225 for both

Tel: 01446 742756
(after 6pm) Buyer collect.

WOODEN UPRIGHT DESK

4.5ft H x 3ft W £25.
3 tier glass TV unit £15.
Round cane coffee table
with glass top and
magazine rack below £15.
Tel: 01446 401374

FOR SALE TOWER SCAFFOLDING
Stock Clearance, New
never been used.
Pre-galvanised, Base 6ft x
4ft, Working height 21ft,
complete with safety rails
and cross bars. Ideal for
builders and DIY.
£265 Free Delivery
Tel: 07979 264543

Two wicker basket chairs
Suitable for conservatory.
Good Condition.
£50 for both
01446 792563
(Buyer Collect)

Public Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE
LICENSING ACT 2003
To whom it may concern,
I Richard Hayward, do
hereby give notice that I
have applied to the
Licensing Authority (Vale
of Glamorgan Council)
for the grant of a
premises licence at
The Esplanade,
Penarth, CF64 3AS
Known as Crazy Cafe.

The application is for:
Opening hours: Daily
08.00 - 23.00,
Supply of alcohol - on
and off premises: Daily
08.00 - 23.00.

Any persons wishing to
make representations to
this application may do
so in writing to: The
Licensing Department,
Vale of Glamorgan
Council Civic Offices,
Holton Road, Barry, CF63
4PU or by email to
licensing@vogov.uk not
later than 28 days after
the date of this notice.
Representations
received after this date
will not be considered.
A copy of the application
can be viewed at the
Civic Offices during
normal office hours. It is
an offence knowingly or
recklessly to make false
statements in connection
with this application.
The maximum fine on
summary conviction
being £5,000.

Signed: Richard Hayward
Date: 28.03.2017

DARREN • DARREN • DARREN • DARREN • DARREN
Happy Birthday
DARREN BAKER
on 9 April.
Lots of Love,
Sue, Joe, Abi
and all the
family xxx
DARREN • DARREN • DARREN • DARREN • DARREN

Happbee Birthday
Gillian
from all your friends
at The Gem

CLAY
Robin (Cass)
Happy 70th Birthday
Love from Pat, Sarah
& Michael, Laura & Mark,
Robert & Lizzie, &
grandchildren Lauren,
Kelsey, Olivia,
Sam & William xxx

Situations Vacant

Are you fit to deliver?

We need fit reliable people to help distribute the **Glamorgan GEM** newspaper to local homes, once a week.

- TEENAGERS
(aged 13 years and over)
- ACTIVE SENIOR
CITIZENS
- HOUSEWIVES - STUDENTS
SHIFT WORKERS

Please ring: 01202 811666

email info@thedistributionbusiness.co.uk

If we do not have an immediate vacancy in your
area, your details will be placed on our waiting
list until a suitable opportunity occurs.



Cowbridge Comprehensive School

Ysgol Gyfun Y Bont Faen

Assistant Cook

36 hours per week, 39 weeks per year - Permanent - 7.30 am - 3.00 pm
Grade C SCP 9 - 13 (£15,375 - £16,491 pro rata) actual salary £12,447

Catering Assistants

Post 1: Grade A SCP 6 (£15,014 pro rata) actual salary £8,878
5 days a week, 28 hrs, 39 weeks per year - Permanent - 9.30 am - 3.00 pm

Post 2: Grade A SCP 6 (£15,014 pro rata) actual salary £7,994
5 days a week, 22.5 hrs, 38 weeks per year - Permanent - 10.00am - 3.00 pm

Closing date for all applications: 12pm on 24 April 2017

We are seeking energetic, enthusiastic and reliable candidates to assist with developing a 1st class catering provision for our pupils.

Please visit our website www.cowbridgecomprehensiveschool.co.uk to view the vacancy details and download an application pack or alternatively telephone the school on 01446 772311

TO ADVERTISE YOUR
SITUATIONS VACANT,
FAMILY NOTICES, BIRTHDAYS,
ANNIVERSARIES, ETC
Call Sue on 01446 774484.
email: sales@glamorgan-gem.co.uk

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL
CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG
Planning (Listed Buildings and
Conservation Areas) Act, 1990
Town and Country Planning
(Development Management Procedure)
(Wales) Order 2012

Development that may affect a Conservation Area/
Datblygu a allai effeithio ar Ardal Gadwraeth

Application No:/
 Rhif y cais:
 Proposal:/Cynnig:
 Location:/Lleoliad:
 Conservation Area:/
 Ardal Gadwraeth

2017/00229/FUL
 Demolition and re-instatement of rear stone boundary wall; construction of new 1.5-storey garage with accommodation over, plus rear driveway with 3 parking spaces; stripping of existing roof covering to main house and re-instatement of grade 1 natural slate

77, Eastgate, Cowbridge

Cowbridge

Listed Building Consent/
Caniatâd Adeilad Rhestredig

Application No:/
 Rhif y cais:
 Proposal:/Cynnig:
 Location:/Lleoliad:
 Listed Building:/
 Adeilad Rhestredig

2016/01389/LBC
 Proposed alterations and extensions together with new separate access across part of adjacent field; The Lodge, Castle Upon Alun, St Bride's Major

Grade II

Application No:/
 Rhif y cais:
 Proposal:/Cynnig:

2017/00222/LBC
 Replace external signage like or like including fascia sign, projecting sign, branch nameplate and branch opening hour signs

HSBC, 61, High Street, Cowbridge

Grade II

Application No:/
 Rhif y cais:
 Proposal:/Cynnig:

2017/00264/LBC
 Demolition and re-instatement of rear stone boundary wall; construction of new 1.5-storey garage with accommodation over, plus rear driveway with 3 parking spaces; stripping of existing roof covering to main house and re-instatement of grade 1 natural slate

77, Eastgate, Cowbridge

Grade II

Affecting setting of a Listed Building/
Cais (au) sy'n effeithio ar leoliad Adeilad Rhestredig

Application No:/
 Rhif y cais:
 Proposal:/Cynnig:

2017/00084/FUL
 Change of Use from C3 to C2. Site to be used for residential care of children and adults with additional needs related to ASD, to include 5 self contained residential units and one shared residential unit

Barns at West Aberthaw Farm, Lane - Jct B4265 to West Aberthaw Farm, West Aberthaw

Location:/Lleoliad:
 Listed Building:/
 Adeilad Rhestredig

Affecting West Aberthaw Farmhouse which is a Grade II Listed Building.

Application No:/
 Rhif y cais:
 Proposal:/Cynnig:
 Location:/Lleoliad:
 Listed Building:/
 Adeilad Rhestredig

2017/00169/FUL
 Single storey bedroom and ensuite extension The Walled Garden, Wenveoe

Affecting Former walled kitchen garden wall at Wenveoe Castle- W range' which is a Grade II Listed Building.

Application(s) of General Interest/
Ceisiadau o Diddordeb Cyffredinol

Application No:/
 Rhif y cais:
 Proposal:/Cynnig:

2017/00260/FUL
 Proposed residential development comprising 11 affordable dwellings along with associated parking, highway and ancillary works, including a new vehicular access/egress for Holm View Leisure Centre

Location:/Lleoliad:
 Land to the East of Holm View Leisure Centre, Skomer Road, Barry

May affect a Public Right of Way/
Gall effeithio ar Hawl Tramwy Cyhoeddus

Application No:/
 Rhif y cais:
 Proposal:/Cynnig:
 Location:/Lleoliad:

2017/00131/FUL
 Construction of agricultural building Clark Farm, The Lawns, Cwrt yr Ala Road, Michaelston le Pit

Details may be inspected for 21 days at the address given below, or via <http://vogonline.planning-register.co.uk/>

Gall manylion eu harchwilio am 21 diwrnod yn y cyfeiriad a roddir isod, neu drwy <http://vogonline.planning-register.co.uk/>

Dated / Dyddiedig: 6 April, 2017

V. L. Robinson

Operational Manager,
 Regeneration and Planning,
 Vale of Glamorgan Council
 Dock Office, Barry. CF63 4RT

The Rhoose Lifeguards Nippers in action at Stillwater Championships

THE British Surf Lifesaving Stillwater Championships were held in Cardiff International Pool over the weekend of March 25/26.

We were lucky to have this event on our doorstep this year and we went with a strong team of 60.

During the two-day event the Nippers competed together as a team, all egging each other on and encouraging and cheering all the way.

The standard for this year was much higher than previous years and so all our Nippers did a great job, with many coming away with personal bests, some medals and new British records were set!

For the boys Ethan Hole attained a silver in

VW



3-1 win keeps Barry Town United's title charge on right track

BARRY TOWN UNITED'S challenge for the Welsh League Division One title took another step forward at the weekend, as the championship chasers came from behind to win 3-1 against Ton Pentre at Ynys Park.

Pursuing their eighth consecutive Welsh League victory on the road, Barry's TJ Nagi would hit the crossbar midway through the

first half, but it was the battling Bulldogs who drew first blood, as Phil Clarke shot across goal to beat goalkeeper Mike Lewis in the 26th minute.

Nevertheless, the match in the Rhondda would take a significant turn 10 minutes before half-time, when Ton's Liam Hutchinson was shown a red card for a foul at the edge of the area.

The resulting free-kick saw Barry's Curtis Watkins drill a low effort through the mud and into the bottom

corner and just like that, the visitors found themselves level, with a man advantage to take into the second period.

As it would turn out, the extra man scenario would last merely a matter of minutes, with Barry forward James Dixon soon given his own marching orders for retaliating against goalscorer Clarke.

However, the Town would shrug off this setback in style, putting together the game's defining spell and all but securing the three

points shortly after the hour mark.

First, Nagi worked well to set up Drew Fahiya, who showed great strength to control the ball while holding off a defender, before slotting into the bottom corner and giving Barry a 2-1 lead.

Then, goalscorer turned goal producer, as Fahiya turned his man and cut inside, feeding Barry captain James Saddrill who fired his first goal of the season into the roof of the Ton Pentre net.

With more than 100 clean sheets across his Town career, Nott was the club's Southern League player of the year in 1976 and featured in the 3-1 win over champions Worcester City the following May, a match that saw Worcester's season-long unbeaten run ended on its final day.

Closing the game out effectively, Barry's 3-1 victory helped them remain a full five points ahead of second-placed Goytre and six clear of third-placed Haverfordwest County, both of whom won on the weekend.

This Saturday (April 8) meanwhile sees the Town travel to Goytre United in a 2.30pm kick-off, following a recent switch that sees the reverse fixture moved to Jenner Park on Tuesday, April 18 (7.45pm).

Home fixtures with Risca United (on Saturday, April 15) and Ton Pentre (Saturday, April 29) and a testing trip to Cambrian & Clydach Vale (Saturday, April 22) complete the Jenner Park side's title run-in.

Finally, the club was saddened to learn this week of the passing of long-serving goalkeeper Trevor Nott.

AC

Dinas Powys ladies' quest for title gets boost after victory

DINAS POWYS ladies faced a tough away game against a talented young Newport County ladies on Sunday in their quest for their first title.

On a very hot day the visitors started the brightest as Laura Murray fired two early shots wide.

Newport then settled down and came into the match as the youthful team showed plenty of enthusiasm and energy. Dinas struggled to get to grips with the game and the size of the pitch as they looked a shadow of their normal selves.

With 30 minutes on the clock Murray latched on to a through ball and coolly rounded the keeper to break the deadlock. Nao nearly added a brace as she fired two snap shots which went straight to the Newport keeper from five yards.

At the other end Kelly Tuck, Rachel Bear, Alex Allen and Alicia Cox had to be on their toes tracking runners and limiting the home team's chances.

At the start of the second half Demi Bounds thought she had increased the lead but fired over from five yards after Laura Lewis, Murray and Nao had created a fantastic opportunity for the pacey forward.

Taylor Page and Sophie Whittle entered the game and both were straight in the action.

Dinas started the second half much better and were looking to kill the game off early on. Murray rattled the bar before doubling the lead.

Gemma Crowley replaced Murray and the striker who had worked hard on her fitness showed Composure linking up with Nao and Whittle.

Jodi Bowles and Vicki Elison were the final substitutes used. As the game went into the final third Dinas showed their steel with some solid defending.

Jones and Pattermore both experienced players held the middle well and Bowles injected some muscle.

Elison saved the day late on last week and again her last-ditch defending gave the visitors another clean sheet.

Naomi Wilson collected another clean sheet which is something the defence and Wilson pride themselves on. Dinas have only conceded 12 goals in 16 league games - this shows how organised this defence has become.

This was not a classic performance but the ladies put in a display showing togetherness and at this time of the season results are far more important.

LS

TENNIS TUESDAYS AT LOCAL CLUB!

LAST Tuesday was the 2017 launch of 'Tennis Tuesdays' at Barry Community Tennis Club, and despite the rain showers, spirits weren't dampened and the club welcomed returning ladies along with some newcomers to the weekly social coaching session that has proved a cornerstone of the adult coaching programme at the club since its inception two years ago.

Tennis Tuesdays is an LTA programme for

women with some experience of playing tennis to have the opportunity to get together, get playing, and have fun with some structured but informal coaching tips to help them along. The emphasis is on lots of play and lots of fun. The launch was accompanied by cupcakes and prosecco, which alleviated the soggyness of the weather.

This weekly session, every Tuesday throughout the summer in Romilly Park has enabled the club to develop a ladies team which competes regularly all year round in the south Wales leagues, and has also contributed greatly to the

growing social calendar of the club, with cinema trips and nights out.

The club also offers a men's social night every Wednesday at 6.30pm in Romilly Park, as well as adult beginners sessions at midday on Saturdays and adult social play at 2pm on Mondays, both in Romilly Park.

The coaching programme is provided by qualified coaches from Vale Tennis Academy, and to find out more about any aspect of the club or coaching programme for all ages and abilities please visit www.valetennisacademy.co.uk or www.barryetc.co.uk

- new players always welcome.

WELSH hunt-racing enthusiasts will be flocking to Ystradgyniad in the beautiful Vale for the Ystrad Taf Fechan Hunt Point-To-Point Steeplechases on Sunday (April 9).

The first race the Hunt Members for which there are nine entries is at 2.30pm and the John Lovell National Men's Open Race over three miles and six furlongs is at 3.45pm.

Of the 14 down to face the starter Roger Willcox's Patrickton Boru who was beaten just a head by War Path at the Glamorgan a fortnight ago will be some peoples idea of the winner.

However, the 10-year-old bay gelding has also been entered in the Ladies' Open race for which there are a massive 20 entries.

Others of note in the Men's Open include ItchyMeI'MScratch, NorthGeorge, Dunraven Royal and, of course, the prolific Rosies Peacock. Carmen Goldsworthy's recent Brecon winner Captain Camelot has been entered in the Ladies Open race and others here include Buck Mulligan, Hold Court and King Massini.

Keiron Price's recent course winner

Ramble On should get backers off to a good start by beating Shes A Gangster and Really Unique in the Hunt Members and three other recent course winners Essteepie, Fraction Man and Ann Scott could line-up for the Restricted race for which there are 16 entries.

Only five entries have been received for the Open Maiden Race over two miles and six furlongs and Dunraven Doc has January Don, Mabassini, Ollies Boy and Stella Massini to beat.

There are 21 down to run in the Open Maiden Race and some racegoers will look no further than Padre Tito who was narrowly beaten by Essteepie last time. Charlie Breekie and Moreece are two others to beat in mind.

VALE RIDERS SUCCESS Evan David and Byron Moorcroft, both from the Vale, rode winners last weekend.

The much travelled Evan was successful on Andrew Pennock's Mahlers Spirit in the Club Members' Race at West Norfolk and Byron took the Intermediate Race at Clifton On Dunsmore.

BRIAN LEE

Penarth Hockey Club reach Welsh Trophy final

WITH three promotions already secured in the GoCre8 League, Penarth Hockey Club continued to extend its season with a crushing victory in the semi-finals of the Welsh Trophy.

Having eased through the early-season qualifying competition in Swansea, the first XI found Bridgend standing between themselves and a second successive appearance in the Welsh Trophy final.

The obstacle, however, proved to be little more than a mirage as the Bears put on a masterclass at the National Hockey Centre.

Determined that the April 1 date would not make fools of them in an encounter they were always favoured to win, the Vale side quickly found top gear, with Bridgend unable to hold either the speed and intensity of their game.

Penarth should have gone ahead with minutes of the opening whistle, a Ben Croxall aerial being wasted by the unmarked forward, but the opening proved a portent of what was to come as the newly-crowned Conference North champions continued to display the sort of expansive hockey that had led them to back-to-back divisional titles.

A Barry player until 1987 and an important figure in the club's proud goalkeeping tradition, Trevor Nott's contributions to life at Jenner Park, both on and off the field, will live long in the memory.

AC

Hunt racing in Ystradgyniad

Ramble On should get backers off to a good start by beating Shes A Gangster and Really Unique in the Hunt Members and three other recent course winners Essteepie, Fraction Man and Ann Scott could line-up for the Restricted race for which there are 16 entries.

Only five entries have been received for the Open Maiden Race over two miles and six furlongs and Dunraven Doc has January Don, Mabassini, Ollies Boy and Stella Massini to beat.

There are 21 down to run in the Open Maiden Race and some racegoers will look no further than Padre Tito who was narrowly beaten by Essteepie last time. Charlie Breekie and Moreece are two others to beat in mind.

VALE RIDERS SUCCESS Evan David and Byron Moorcroft, both from the Vale, rode winners last weekend.

The much travelled Evan was successful on Andrew Pennock's Mahlers Spirit in the Club Members' Race at West Norfolk and Byron took the Intermediate Race at Clifton On Dunsmore.

BRIAN LEE

side coming from the other side of the draw, the Cubs showed that their level of intensity had not been dimmed by the easy pickings against Fishguard and effectively sealed the game by scoring twice with less than two minutes on the clock.

Two more strikes followed before the final whistle to complete a comfortable 4-0 win and guarantee that they moved through to the next round.

Penarth also fielded a team in the reserve competition, and gave a good account of themselves despite having to play two back-to-back games with a bare seven players and a couple of eight-year olds making competitive debuts.

Indeed, the side were unfortunate to only draw 0-0 with Gwent in their opening game, having created the better chances and defended strongly throughout, but their efforts ultimately counted against them as they moved onto a tougher game with Whitchurch.

Again, the young squad acquitted themselves brilliantly in the first half, remaining on level terms with their more experienced opposition, but a fourth consecutive half of hockey proved a bridge too far, as Whitchurch's freshness - and substitutes - ensured that they eventually ran out 2-0 winners.

The south Wales youth finals take place in Swansea on Saturday, April 22, with Penarth joining the hosts, Whitchurch and Gwent in the semi-final line-up.

While both the under-11 and first XI squads now have a handful of weeks to prepare for their respective finals, hockey continues for the Penarth club as the veterans side kicks off its summer season by travelling to Cwmbran for the first game in a 'home-and-home' with Gwent.

Penarth Hockey Club always welcomes new, old and returning players, umpires, supporters, friends and helpers regardless of age and ability.

When the regular season resumes, training will take place on Wednesdays at Stanwell School, with the juniors on the pitch between 6.15pm and 7.15pm and the seniors between 7pm and 8.15pm.

Anyone interested in joining the club at senior or youth level can contact club secretary Dave Stevens (d.stevens81@hotmail.co.uk) for further information.

CL

Good as New
Car Body Repairs

"Over 15 Years in business"
WE GUARANTEE TO BEAT
ANY GENUINE QUOTE



Alloy Wheel Refurbishment

Before

After

'Alleygator' Wheel Protectors**Headlamp Refurbishment**

Before

After

- * Open 6 days a week
- 8.30am till late
- * Bumper scuffs
- * Wheel refurbishments
- * Resprays
- * Light and Heavy Accident Repairs

- * Courtesy cars provided
- * We will guarantee to beat any genuine like-for-like quotation
- * We deal with all major insurance companies
- * Non fault accident specialist

Had an accident but not your fault?

Give us a call, we take all the hassle away from dealing with the insurance companies.

01446 772757

email: goodasnew1@hotmail.co.uk
www.goodasnewcrashrepairs.co.uk

Unit 4, 40D Penllyn Way
 Vale Business Park, Llandow CF71 7PF



Vale Cricket Club opens new facilities

ON Saturday, April 1, the Vale Cricket Club held a grand opening of their new training facilities.

The new nets, sponsored by the Ford Garage in Bridgend, will serve as a crucial element of the club's training ahead of the upcoming season.

Gareth Andrews, chair of the Vale Cricket Club, is hoping that the facilities will help in the expansion of the club's membership, which currently includes two senior teams as well as 50 junior members between

the ages of nine and 15.

The club is also looking to develop partnerships with schools in and around the area, thus encouraging further youngsters into the sport.

Attending the opening were Gary Pesticchio, managing director of Ford Bridgend, Peter Hybart, chief executive of Cricket Wales, Gareth Andrews, chair of the cricket club, Alun Cairns MP and Jane Hutt AM, as well as the club's members who will be enjoying the new facilities over the coming months.

Mr Cairns said of the occasion: "It was fantastic to see members of the club, of all generations, so happy that their training facilities are being upgraded.

"I have no doubt that the enhancement will not only please local cricket enthusiasts, but also encourage others to take up the sport. Best of luck to the club for the season ahead!"

The club's first fixture of the season will be on the April 15 against Brecon.

The Vale of Glamorgan Football League round-up

ONLY three games were played in the Vale this weekend after the overnight deluge saw numerous games postponed.

In the SWFA Intermediate Cup Semi Final, St Athan went into the last four of the competition with a 4-1 win over Nelson Cavaliers of the Taff Ely & Rhymney League.

Saints now go on to play SWFA Alliance League side Penydarren BC this coming Saturday. The game will be played at Rhodyfelin FC.

In the Premier Division in-form Rhoose took full advantage of being the only Prem game played by going top of the league with 7-0 demolition of Masons Moving Group.

Although teams below have games in hand, most notably league favourites Vale United who sit just three points behind Rhoose but with a huge six games in hand.

In Division One, second place Barry Belgrave's title challenge took a big hit as they were edged out 3-2 by Cogan. The result leaves leaders Barry Athletic B just one win away from claiming the Division One title.

After a programme of midweek games on Wednesday, on the weekend the games of the day in each division look like being Barry Athletic vs Cowbridge Town in the Premier League, Pumas vs Sully in Division One and BV vs Barry Albion in Division Two.

Also Barry Athletic B travel to play Cardiff Airport B in hope of gaining the one more victory to claim the Division One title.

HD

The Barry and District League tables and results

CRIB DIVISION 1: Wyndham Cons A 57, Cadoxton Cons B 55, 160, Rhoose Social 159, West End C 53, Penarth Wyndham Cons 152, Cons A 48, Rhoose Moors Boys 146, West Social B 48, Penarth End 141, West Runaways 141, Cadoxton Cons 136.

SKITTLES DIVISION 1: League table: West End C 96, West End D 89, Sea View B 86, Allsorts 81, King William XII 79.5, Rhoosesters 75, Rhoose Social C 70.5, Rugby Club 70.5, Barries Boys 70, Rhoose Social B 69.5, Slammers 69.5, Liberals C 62.5, Rhoose Sports A 40 (* = points deducted).

SNOOKER DIVISION 2: League table: Savoy B 72, Liberators 70, Wyndham Cons C 65, Market Street B 65, Harbour A 62, Cadoxton Cons A 61, Market Street C 54, West End B 47, Wyndham Cons D 43, West End A 41, Sully Social A 60, Cambrian Flyers 51, Liberals A 48.

SNOOKER DIVISION 1: League table: Harbour B 90, Savoy A 88, Cadoxton Cons Z 68, Cadoxton Cons A 57, Cadoxton Cons B 55, 160, Rhoose Social 159, West End C 53, Penarth Wyndham Cons 152, Cons A 48, Rhoose Moors Boys 146, West Social B 48, Penarth End 141, West Runaways 141, Cadoxton Cons 136.

THE Vale Resort in year. south Wales has invested more than £400,000 in state-of-the-art golf course and greens equipment as the new golf season gets off with a swing.

The resort, home to two championship golf courses, has purchased 16 new high-tech John Deere cutters and mowers to enhance the condition of both the Wales National Golf Course and the Lake Golf Course. It is hoped the new equipment will give its 550-plus members and thousands of visitors, an even better golfing experience this

year. The resort's head green keeper John Borja said: "This state-of-the-art machinery will undoubtedly improve the condition of both courses and make a difference to the way the game is played on them."

"Our aim, every day, is to ensure our golf courses are presented to the highest standards possible," added Mr Borja. "With the excellent support and after care provided by the John Deere network and its local dealer Frank Sutton Ltd, we look forward to doing so for many years to come."

Nathaniel
cars.co.uk



New MG3 Style

£165
deposit
£165
per month
0%
finance



Must end
31st March
2017

MITSUBISHI L200 TITAN



INTELLIGENT MOTION



£199_{+VAT}
OVER 3 YEARS
BUSINESS
USERS ONLY

Nathaniel
cars.co.uk

Nathaniel Cars • Bridgend • CF31 3SA • 01656 662277

www.nathanielcars.co.uk

HOWE MOTORS LTD

Est 1994

0 1 4 4 6 7 3 8 0 8 8

Mention the 'GEM'
when you purchase your
next car = Fuel 4 You!



HERE IS JUST A SMALL SELECTION OF OUR HUGE STOCK, FROM OVER 140 USED CARS, 4X4s & MPVs

LARGEST
SELECTION
OF CARS IN
BARRY



HUGE
RANGE OF
LENDERS



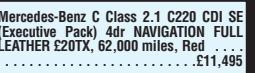
Very
Competitive
Rates



MANY LOW
MILEAGE
CARS



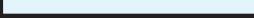
NO
OBLIGATION
TEST
DRIVE



HUGE
RANGE OF
LENDERS



ONLINE
SHOWROOM



 Close Motor Finance

 RAC
warranty

 hpi



Ford Focus 1.6 TDCi Titanium 5dr, 76.3 MPG, £20 ROAD TAX, FSH, Red, EO11VFC £6,995

BMW 5 SERIES 3.0 530d SE Touring 5dr, JUST 1 OWNER, FSH, NAVI, LTHR, Blue, LL62EXE £14,995

Honda Jazz 1.4 ES 5dr, ONE PREVIOUS OWNER, Silver, YT59UDP £3,995

Audi TT 2.0 TDI S Line Quattro 3dr, RARE SPEC : FSH 6 X STAMPS, Black, GY59EXZ £9,495



BMW 5 SERIES 2.0 520d SE Touring 5dr, 62.8 MPG : FULL BMW HISTORY, 49,000 miles, Silver, AK63KJF £16,495

Audi A5 3.0 TDI Black Edition S Tronic Quattro 2dr, FSH, NAVIGATION, FULL LEATHER, 70,000 MILES, White, R014VHJ £19,995

Jaguar XJ 3.0 TD Premium Luxury 4dr, EXCEPTIONAL EXAMPLE, FSH, LWB, 39K, Silver, RV62HMO £20,995

BMW 3 SERIES 2.0 320d M Sport 4dr (start/stop), NAVIGATION, FULL LEATHER, FSH, 46,000 miles, Black, YH63YFU £14,795

www.howemotors.co.uk

Powell Daffryn Way | Barry | Vale of Glamorgan | CF62 5QR | VAT No. 615915045 | Company Reg No. 4993212

HOWE MOTORS LTD

Est 1994

0 1 4 4 6 7 3 8 0 8 8

Mention the 'GEM'
when you purchase your
next car = Fuel 4 You!



HERE IS JUST A SMALL SELECTION OF OUR HUGE STOCK, FROM OVER 140 USED CARS, 4X4s & MPVs



KIA Sportage 2.0 CRDI KX-4 AWD 5dr, 32,000 miles, NAVIGATION PANOROOF AUTO LEATHER, Silver WP62LYU. £15,795



Audi TT 2.0 TFSI S Tronic 3dr, FSH 7 STAMP NAVIGATION LEATHER. £7,495



Land Rover Range Rover 3.6 TD V8 Vogue SE 5dr, ONLY 50,000 MILES, Metallic Black, YK57ZPM. £16,995



MINI Countryman 1.6 Cooper D Business Edition 5dr, 1 OWNER 21,000 MLS NAV LTHR, White, BL63OSA. £11,895

ALL CARS
HPI
CHECKED

FULLY
EQUIPPED
WORKSHOPS

PART
EXCHANGE
WELCOME

Trusted
Automotive
Technicians

RAC
WARRANTY
AVAILABLE

CAR
BUYING
SCHEME

FINANCE
FACILITIES
TO SUIT
MOST!

BAD
CREDIT
CATERED
FOR

ALL MAJOR
CREDIT
CARDS

OVER 140
USED CARS,
4x4s, MPVs.

0% DEPOSIT
AVAILABLE



MINI Hatch 1.6 Cooper D 3dr, 76.3MPG! £20 ROAD TAX FSH, Red, KS09MPY. £13,895



BMW 3 SERIES 2.0 320d BluePerformance M Sport Touring 5dr (start/stop), NAVIGATION, LEATHER, FULL HISTORY, 53,000 miles, Red, GN63BFP. £15,795



Mercedes-Benz B Class 1.8 B180 CDI BlueEFFICIENCY Sport 5dr (start/stop), JUST 31,000 MLS LEATHER LOADED, Black, YD62EKA. £10,995



Ford Galaxy 2.2 TDCi Ghia 5dr, FSH, 5 X STAMPS, BIG SPEC 7 SEAT, Grey, CK590XS. £7,495



Mercedes-Benz C Class 6.3 C63 AMG MCT 4dr, EXCEPTIONAL SH NAVIGATION ROOF, 22k miles, YJ13RNU. £21,495



BMW X1 2.0 20d SE xDrive 5dr, JUST 40,000 MILES FSH PAN/ROOF, Blue, PE10BSU. £11,995



Mercedes-Benz CLK 3.5 CLK350 Sport 7G-Tronic 2dr, BEAUTIFUL FSH LEATHER AMG, Silver, YT55UBJ. £5,795



Mitsubishi Shogun 3.2 DI-DC Elegance 5dr (LWB), FMDSH WITH NAV NEW SHAPE, Green, WU07TKE. £8,495



Nissan Juke 1.2 DIG-T Acenta Premium 5dr (start/stop), NAVIGATION BLUETOOTH MUSIC TEL, 7,700 miles, NV65YKA. £10,495



Peugeot 3008 1.6 HDi FAP Active 5dr IMMACULATE BTOTH AUDIO CRUISE, 32,000 miles, Metallic Silver, BV14GUC. £9,500



Subaru WrX Sti 2.5 STI Type UK AWD 4dr IMMACULATE 1 OWNER MANUAL !!!, 21,500 miles, Metallic Blue, MV64XAO. £20,995



Toyota RAV4 2.0 16v GX 3dr, COLLECTORS QUALITY LOW MILES, Metallic Grey, P638ANL. £2,995



Toyota RAV4 2.0 VVT-i GX 5dr, BEAUTIFUL 4X4 VERY RELIABLE, Green, RK53ZVB. £4,295



Vauxhall Astra 1.7 CDTi ecoFLEX 16v SRi 5dr (start/stop), 40,000MLS FSH 72,4 MPG £30 TAX, Black, FP62WHU. £6,995



Vauxhall Corsa 1.4 i 16v SE 5dr (a/c) 47,000 MILES FSH BIG SPEC AUTO, Black, LV11YFP. £5,945



Volkswagen CC 2.0 TDI BlueMotion Tech GT 4dr, ONE OWNER WITH FULL VW, Metallic Brown, HISTORY, LT64LZR. £11,495



Volkswagen Golf 2.0 TDI DPF GT Sport 5dr, DSG AUTO 63,000MLS 58.9MPG FSH, Black, NA57NYU. £5,995



Volkswagen Polo 1.2 TDI SE 5dr, 1 OWNER FSH 83,1 MPG £20 TAX, Silver, OV11HXL. £5,995

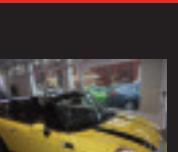
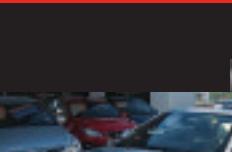


Volkswagen UP! 1.0 Move Up ASG 5dr JUST 1 OWNER 22,000 MILES FSH, Blue, CA14NLF. £6,995



Volvo V60 2.0 TD D4 R-Design Geartronic 5dr (start/stop), DREAM WITH NAVIGATION LEATHER, 16,000 miles, Black, WD65SOE. £16,995

www.howemotors.co.uk



GARY WATSON MOTOR CO.

A SUPERB SELECTION OF CARS TO SUIT YOU...


10 PEUGEOT Rcz 1.6 (156) GT

In blue with grey leather,
34,000 miles
£9,495


12 MINI Cooper 1.6

In white silver with
black roof, 23,000 miles
Reduced to £7,995


11 NISSAN Qashqai 1.5 DCi Accenta

In met-burgundy, 47,000 miles,
diesel at
£8,495


08 BMW 320i M-Sport Coupe

In silver, 70,000 miles,
with alloys, a/c etc
£7,495


61 SKODA Yeti 2.0 Diesel SE+Tdi 4x4

In pacific blue, 77,000 miles,
1 owner
£8,995

ALL CARS SUPPLIED WITH NEW MOT AND 3 MONTHS RAC WARRANTY

JUST A SMALL SELECTION OF OUR COMPREHENSIVE RANGE IN STOCK. VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR FULL DETAILS.

**FINANCE PACKAGES TO SUIT ALL • 0% DEPOSIT FINANCE AVAILABLE • ALL CARS HPI CLEAR • PART EXCHANGE WELCOME
OPEN 7 DAYS CARS BOUGHT FOR CASH • ALL MAJOR CREDIT CARDS TAKEN**

BROAD STREET, BARRY CF62 7AE (NEXT TO TRAIN STATION) 01446 722600



www.GARYWATSONMOTORCOMPANY.co.uk

MULTI PHOTOS FULL DESCRIPTION ON WEBSITE


62 CITROEN DS3 D Sport Plus 1.6 THP

In white with black roof, 48,000
miles, full leather trim
£7,995


57 MERCEDES SLK 200 Auto

In silver with red leather,
72,000 miles, convertible
£7,995


53 BENTLEY Arnage 6.8 Twin Turbo R Auto

In peacock blue with cream hide,
50,000 miles, luxury motoring
£29,995


63 MERCEDES E250 CDI AMG Sport Convertible

In black,
32,000 miles, superb
£21,995


09 MAZDA MX5 1.8i Roadster Coupe

In true red, 48,000 miles,
solid roof convertible
£7,995

15 PORSCHE Panamera Diesel V6 Auto In black with cream leather, 39,000 mile luxury 4-seater sports car at £42,995
 53 BENTLEY Arnage 6.8 Twin Turbo R Auto In peacock blue with cream hide, 50,000 miles from new, luxury motoring at £29,995
 11 RANGE Rover Sport 3.0 TDV6 Autobiography Auto In met grey, 45,000 miles, top spec ...£27,995
 11 RANGE Rover Sport 3.0 TDV6 Autobiography Auto In met black with black/cream leather trim, 59,000 miles...£26,995
 59 LANDROVER Discovery 3.0 TDV6 HSE Auto 7-Seater In silver with black leather, 59,000 miles, host of extras ...£22,995
 61 FORD S-Max Titanium X 2.2 TDCi Sport In midnight sky, 26,000 miles, 7 seater diesel ...REDUCED TO £16,495
 64 SKODA Octavia VRS 2.0 TDI CR Auto Estate In met-black, 14,000 miles...£15,995
 63 VOLKSWAGEN Tiguan 2.0 TDI Match Auto 4x4 In silver, 39,000 mile diesel ...£14,995
 96 JAGUAR XK8 Automatic In met-green with cream leather, only 23,000 miles from new, superb example ...£14,995
 59 BMW Z4 5 Drive 35i Auto In met-grey with leather trim, 59,000 mile convertible at ...£13,995
 13 VOLKSWAGEN Passat 1.6 CC Blue Motion-Tech 2.0 TDI Automatic In black, only 19,000 miles, superb example ...REDUCED TO £12,995
 10 LANDROVER Freelander HSE TD4 2.2 E In silver with black leather, sat-nav, pan-roof ...£9,995
 14 VAUXHALL Insignia 1.8 Sri 5-Dr In met silver, 30,000 miles family hatch ...£9,495
 64 PEUGEOT 2008 EVTH 1.2 Active Automatic In silver, 22,000 miles ...£9,495
 10 PEUGEOT Rcz 1.6 (156) GT In blue with grey leather, 34,000 miles...£9,495
 14 FORD B-Max 1.0 Titanium In blazer blue, 18,000 miles, under Ford warranty ...REDUCED TO £8,995
 62 RENAULT Grand Scenic 1.5 DCi Dynamique In met-burgundy, 46,000 mile diesel 7-seater...£8,995
 61 SKODA Yeti 2.0 Diesel SE+TDI 4x4 In pacific blue, 77,000 miles, 1 owner ...£8,995
 65 VAUXHALL Corsa 1.4 Limited Edition 3-Dr In red with black roof, 13,905 miles, 1 owner...£8,695
 15 VAUXHALL Astra 1.6 TechLine 5-Dr In black, 26,000 mile family hatch ...£8,495
 63 NISSAN Juke 1.6 Vis In white, low mileage local example at ...£8,495
 62 VOLKSWAGEN Jetta 1.6 Diesel Automatic Blue Motion SE In met-grey, 55,000 miles, 1 owner ...£8,495
 11 NISSAN Qashqai 1.5 DCi Accenta In met-burgundy, 47,000 miles diesel at ...£8,495
 10 FORD S-Max 2.0 TDCi Zetec Automatic In black, 68,000 miles, diesel 7-seater ...£8,495
 14 RENAULT Clio 1.5 DCi Dynamique Media Nav 5-Dr In silver, 39,000 miles, free road tax ...REDUCED TO £7,995
 13 MINI One 1.6 In red, 31,000 miles, 1 owner with alloys, climate, pepper pack ...£7,995
 62 CITROEN DS3 D Sport Plus 1.6 THP In white with black roof, 48,000 miles, full leather trim ...£7,995
 12 MINI Cooper 1.6 In white silver with black roof, 23,000 miles ...REDUCED BY £1,000 TO £7,995
 12 VAUXHALL Insignia 2.0 CDTI Exclusive Diesel Estate In silver, 43,000 miles...£7,995
 11 BMW 118 Diesel M Sport 5-Dr In met-blue, 53,000 miles ...£7,995
 09 MAZDA MX5 1.8i Roadster Coupe In true red, 48,000 miles, solid roof convertible ...£7,995
 57 MERCEDES SLK 200 Auto In silver with red leather, 72,000 miles, convertible...£7,995
 15 FORD Fiesta 1.2 Zetec 3-Dr In red, 12,000 miles, under Ford warranty ...£7,695
 13 PEUGEOT 3008 Aless HDi 5-Dr In met red, 29,000 miles ...£7,695
 14 VAUXHALL Adam Glam 1.4 In very berry with cream roof, 25,000 miles, 1 owner, bluetooth, pan roof etc...£7,595
 15 VAUXHALL Corsa 1.4 SRI Ecoflex 3-Dr In black, 23,000 miles ...£7,495
 64 SUZUKI Swift 1.2 SZL 3-Dr In black with white roof, 19,000 miles, 1 owner ...£7,495
 63 CITROEN DS3 1.6 HDI Style-E In encr met with white roof, 52,000 mile diesel hatch, free road tax ...£7,495
 12 FORD Focus Zetec 'S' 1.6 TDCi 5-Dr In white, 77,000 miles with sat-nav...£7,495
 08 BMW 320i M-Sport Coupe In silver, 70,000 miles with alloys a/c etc ...£7,495





Prizes supplied by sponsors Glamorgan Law of Cowbridge with Geraint Davies, Tosh Taylor and captain Ray Thomas.

Dai conquers all-comers at Ashburnham

ASHBURNHAM Golf Club, an exceptional true links golf course situated overlooking the Louther estuary towards the Gower peninsula proved a very welcoming venue last Thursday for members of The Glamorgan Farmers Golf Society for their monthly meeting generously sponsored by Cowbridge-based solicitors Glamorgan Law.

Currently ranked as the fifth best course in Wales and which over the years has hosted many prestigious professional and amateur championships this favourite Welsh course of Harry Vardon, the six-times winner of the British Open Championship, was in exceptionally good condition although the many bunkers and narrow fairways proved quite an obstacle for some of the competitors.

Society members were particularly pleased to welcome back a resplendent David Harris following his recent 'make-over' and even more pleased when he took the prize for being nearest the pin on the difficult par-3 13th hole.

Credit must be given to overall winner Dai John who played quite solidly from tee to green to return a winning score

T.McC

ChipsAway

Scratches and scuff won't dent your pocket

Professional quality, paintwork repairs at a fraction of traditional body shop costs
• Quick • Convenient • Fully Guaranteed
✓ Bumper Scuffs ✓ Alloy Wheels
✓ Paintwork Scratches ✓ Minor Dents

To arrange for your free estimate call
Paul Jarvis 07904 840202
0800 028 7878

Good week for Barry chess club!

THIS has been a good week for the Barry Chess Club with three of our teams in action. We earned two wins and a draw.

The most significant result came on Thursday. At 3pm the Camelots team captain was asked who is in the team for tonight, to which he answered what team? He had overlooked the fact that the Camelots were due to play the Cardiff AJs.

There were some frantic phone calls to find five available players, and the team arrived at the Cardiff YMCA to find no-one knew how to adjust the air conditioning!

This left us playing in sauna like conditions. The boards were so close to one another it was almost a case of breathing in rotation.

Tom Cooke won on time, and this was followed by a victory by Stephen Bonotto and with a further two draws we won 3-2.

We sit in fifth place having earned the magic number of 40.5 points. As St John's College have picked up a penalty we know we have avoided relegation and we still have three games to play.

In Division One, the Bosons took 3.5 points from their home match against the Cardiff Bishops.

There were wins for Steve Cunliffe and Matthew Parry with the other three boards being drawn.

The Bosons remain in fourth place knowing that to avoid relegation they only need a maximum of 2.5 points from their remaining two games.

In Division Three the Quarks travelled to Caerphilly to play the

Rooks.

We managed to return home having shared the spoils. John Ryles and Sam White on the bottom boards winning their matches and Stephen Bonotto on board one getting a draw. We remain in fifth place.

The only thing settled in this division is that the Pontypridd Phoenix will be promoted. Currently in second place are the Cardiff Dragons but they will pick up a penalty regarding the nominated players' game requirement at the end of the season - the actual amount cannot be quantified yet but it will be a minimum of two points.

The promotion and relegation positions may become clearer this week as there are four league games being played. However Nelson have two games still to be rearranged so they may be in a false position.

The Quarks may need 4.5 points to stay up but they have three games to play.

The Barry Chess Club meets at 7.30pm each Monday at the West End Club, St. Nicholas Road, Barry, CF62 6QY.

The club is open to players of all standards; whether you are interested in playing competitive chess or just the occasional friendly games.

New players are very welcome to just turn up on the night but if you contact one of the club members through the website we can explain what is happening on the night you have in mind, and arrange for someone to greet you on your arrival.

For more details visit our website at <http://barrychessclub.yolasite.com>.

Barry Ladies end an excellent season with convincing win

ON a sunny day in Barry, Jenner Park was the perfect setting for the first team's final game in what has been a solid season.

Penybont lined up

with a few new and familiar faces having

made some recent

signings since the teams

last met. Having drawn

3-3 with league leaders

Caldicot just days

earlier, they looked sure

to give Barry a hard

contested, tight game.

With BTU at full

strength for the Seconds

v Thrids clash, it was

the home side that

started the brighter,

playing some lovely

flowing football on the

slick Jenner Park

surface.

A couple of early

corners were cleared by

the resilient Bridgend

outfit. With 10 minutes

on the clock, captain

Stevie Cook whipped in

a lovely corner for the

lively Naomi Coulson to

find the back of the net

to give Barry an early

confidence boost.

More quality football

allowed goal machine

Luca Laky to break

through and put the

hosts 2-0 up. Barry

were keeping the ball

well, and making it

extremely difficult for

the away side to get a

foothold in the game.

Tracey White, Meg

Bailey and captain Cook

pulled the strings and it

was another great ball from Cook that set Ellen Phillips through, and she finished with aplomb in the top right hand corner.

The half time score

was 3-0 to Barry.

The second half produced very much of the same, and Barry looked very comfortable against a decent outfit that had only lost two league games all season.

Goalkeeper Megan Davies looked as reliable as ever and was destined to add another clean sheet. Emma Thompson, Emily Mortimore and Shanice Donovan looked solid and assured.

Ellie Drew and Coulson were constantly giving the Penybont full backs a torrid time with some superb energy and end product continuing the creativity at Jenner Park.

Strikers Phillips and Laky both added a

Trainer Tim gets a Glimpse of Gold!

GLIMPSE OF GOLD, trained by Tim Vaughan at Aberthine landed the opening BetFred Handicap Hurdle at Uttoxeter last Saturday.

Ridden by 3lb claiming jockey Alan Johns, 'Glimpse Of Gold', which went off the 9-4 favourite in a field of 10, won by one-and-three-quarter lengths from the top-weighted Edward Elgar, partnered by Pembrokeshire's Sean Bowen.

BRIAN LEE

International netballer shows support at Vale tournament



Gwenfro Primary School ran out winners on the day, and were joined by five other Vale schools at the regional finals.

MORE than 180 primary schoolchildren from Vale schools competed in a tournament attended by international netballer Bethan Dyke.

Miss Dyke started playing netball from the age of eight, and watched on from the side-lines at RAF St Athan as young pupils from 18 Vale primary schools competed for the right to attend the regional finals in Cardiff.

Nine volunteer umpires from local secondary schools oversaw over 50 closely-contested matches between rival schools.

Six of the 18 teams would compete in the regional finals on March 30.

Gwenfro ran out as victors, with St David's second, and Cogan finishing third. The other teams to make up the top six were Cadoxton, Bro Morganwg, and Llangan.

The event was organised by the Vale of Glamorgan Council's sport and play development team, with one council officer commenting: "It was great to see so many schools involved with this event, and the range of abilities competing. All pupils put in a lot of effort, including the volunteer umpires."

NEED TO HIRE A VAN OR CAR?

WE HAVE A VEHICLE TO MEET YOUR NEEDS BIG OR SMALL WE HAVE THEM ALL

Luton Low Loader

From £42.85 per day

Tail Lift

From £47 per day

Tippers

From £32.85 per day

6 Seater VW Kombi

From £32.85 per day

Small Vans

From £17.85 per day

Ford Focus

From £19.50 per day

All prices plus VAT, Insurance & Excess apply.

WE DON'T JUST HIRE VANS WE SELL THEM WITH OVER 100 QUALITY VEHICLES ON SITE SIMPLY VISIT OUR WEBSITE

www.wickvancentre.co.uk



WICK
car & van hire
Waterton Lane, Bridgend CF31 3UZ
01656 857679
hire@wickvancentre.co.uk





Glamorgan GEM Sport

YOUR DEFINITIVE SPORTS ROUND-UP  TWITTER: sport_gem

Send your match reports, news and other items of interest to: sport@glamorgan-gem.co.uk



Strong last quarter sees Barry RFC home against Old Illtydians

A strong final quarter saw Barry RFC home against Old Illtydians in a game in which they looked like losing for long periods as they struggled to match the pace of the home three quarters especially in the first half.

Barry could not have got off to a better start as with just minutes gone O'Sullivan took advantage of a loose ball from a lineout to cross unopposed under the posts giving Barross an easy conversion and a seven point lead.

The lead was however shortlived as the Illts began spreading the ball wide, orchestrated by their outside half who varied his passing to create worrying gaps in the Barry defence.

Moving the ball from their home 22, slick passing saw them create the necessary space to cross for a converted try and bring the scores level.

The warning signs were there that any loose kicking would spell danger on the counter and unfortunately the message didn't get through as Barry continued to put themselves under pressure and with more accuracy and a less effective defence they could not have complained had they gone behind.

As it was Barry were to be the next to score as

an infringement at the breakdown gave Barross the penalty chance, one which he didn't turn down.

Barry still played into the hands of the Illts' backs as once again they countered from a poor clearance with their pace taking them clear of the defence to cross for a second try which went unconverted. To add to Barry's woes they lost Hadfield to injury being replaced by Myles.

The game continued in the same vein with Barry spending most of the game in defence but still managing to keep the line intact helped by some poor decision making by the home side as they spurned more scoring opportunities.

It was only in the final minutes of the half that Barry put a meaningful attack together, which, had the final ball gone to hand, would have seen them take a half time lead rather than end it only two points adrift.

The home side must have wondered how they weren't well in front such had been their territorial dominance in the first 40 minutes.

Barry needed a tactical rethink at half-time but suffered an early setback when a chip ahead caught the defence out of position, but fortunately Ryan managed to save the day at the cost of a scrum to the home side.

The scrummaging in the game to that point had not seemed to have caused any concern for the referee, but for some reason as the Illts applied



Pictures by Judith Dutton.



the pressure he saw fit to penalise Barry by awarding a penalty try for what seemed to be the first offence, a decision which took them clear at 19-10.

Following this score Barry took the opportunity to ring the changes bringing on E Scott and B White for Provis and Bussitil in the backs, and Such for Oaten up front.

The momentum suddenly changed as Barry began to keep the ball in hand and make inroads into the home defence.

A break by White saw the game move into the home 22 where swift recycling saw Barross find some space to put Evans over for a well-worked try. With a successful conversion from Barross, Barry were only two points adrift.

The try obviously gave Barry some confidence and for the first time it was the Illts who will be happy to discuss with you the merits of the game. It will also give you a chance to enjoy the excellent facilities in our club house.

If you would like more information please feel free to contact any of the following: Graham Russell (treasurer, 02920 513619), Eileen Carryer (secretary, 02920 515568) or Maurice Warman (men's secretary, 02920 512575).

We are situated at the end of Sunnycroft Lane Dinas Powys. You will meet some of our existing members who will be happy to discuss with you the merits of the game. It will also give you a chance to enjoy the excellent facilities in our club house.

Our members will confirm that it is a fun, sociable sport with that extra element of exercise which we all need to keep fit.

We invite you to join us on opening day at 2pm, bowls will be provided, just wear flat-soled shoes and you will

have to defend as a series of attacks threatened their line.

With the reshaped pack getting on top in the tight Barry were enjoying the best period of the game, and it was no surprise when Barry drove at the lineout to finally spread the ball for Barross to find himself in space to cross for a try wide out, and the same player added to the score with a fine conversion to take them into the lead for the first time since the fourth minute of the match.

Now it was all Barry as they earned a penalty try for Barross to stretch the lead to eight points. The Illts were trying everything to get back in the game still attacking where possible, but unfortunately for them the final pass to the wing on one occasion was intercepted by Ryan, who raced 60 metres to touch down in the corner which went unconverted, but

they have the talent and ability to achieve this but sometimes appear to be tactically naive, the effect of this just puts them under more pressure than they need to be.

This Saturday Barry will be at home to Llanishen in a league fixture, kick off 2.30pm. The winning lottery numbers for last week were 01, 03, 07 and 15, which went unclaimed, making this week's jackpot £4,250.

AJ

Murch club's open day

MURCH Bowling Club players are looking forward to the start of their bowling season on Saturday, April 15.

If you have ever wondered about outdoor bowls you would be welcome to come along to meet us and take the opportunity to try your hand at bowling.

Our members will confirm that it is a fun, sociable sport with that extra element of exercise which we all need to keep fit.

We invite you to join us on opening day at 2pm, bowls will be provided, just wear flat-soled shoes and you will

Barrivale Bridge Club results

LATEST results from Barrivale Bridge Club for March 28:

1st Jane Brook & Kay Dyer 72.22%; 2nd Peter Millar & Denis Mottram 68.25%; 3rd Mick Green & Mike Close 57.14%. Jane Brook and Kay Dyer also won on handicap.

New members are always welcome at Barrivale. A partner may be

arranged if required.

If you would like to join us ring 01446 418380 or 01446 733425 or 01446 735592 call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry on Tuesdays at 7pm.

Alternatively players, inexperienced or new, may attend on Fridays at 10am at the same address.

DR



Local kyokushin instructors set to make history

ON April 12, Barry Kyokushin Karate Club students will be sitting in anticipation as their chief instructor Senpai Phill Sedgmond and assistant instructor Rhian Evans set off for the biggest challenge of their martial arts career.

These two high-level martial artists are heading off to Japan to attend the World Championships and international summer camp.

At these events, Rhian, who currently holds seven national titles in Kata, is competing in the World Friendship Tournament in Kata, a worldwide championship event only held in Japan.

Rhian has been selected to represent Great Britain at this event by Shihan Paul Greenway 5th Dan, Branch Chief of Wales and was supported by Great Britain chief instructor Shihan Jose Claronino 8th Dan.

Rhian will be the first female in the history of Wales Kyokushin to represent Great Britain at the World Championships.

Senpai Phill will be at the tournament in an official capacity, as he needs to sit an exam to become an international judge, which will be (hopefully) gained at the tournament that Rhian is competing in, but it's at the international camp that Senpai Phill will be really tested.

The camp is located at the Mitsuamine Shrine deep in the mountains of oku-chichibu located on top of mount Mitsuamine. Widely regarded as one of Japan's most beautiful shrines, it was constructed in 1661 and was highly respected by the Samurai.

Every year several camps are held at Mitsuamine, several testing of endurance, techniques, fighting spirit and kata are tested at these camps. Senpai Phill hopes to attend this camp to be graded to 3rd Dan Black belt.

Senpai Phill will be the first individual in the UK to achieve this grade in Japan, but this will also make him only the second individual in the history of Barry Kyokushin (almost 40 years) to achieve the 3rd Dan Black Belt grade, emulating Barry Kyokushin's former chief instructor Sensei Richard Males.

The pair have been training very hard towards this event and club member and close friends of the pair have been supporting them with training and financial help.

The club held a fundraiser, a Just Giving page was created and they

managed to raise £1,700 to help support them and get them to this event.

Rhian said: "Many years ago, someone once told me about the opportunity to go to Japan and I instantly thought that won't happen for me, but here we are and although I'm very excited about this it's also very terrifying, but I'm just going to go and give it my best."

"Training for it has been tough, but I have a great instructor and a great bunch of students around me who have supported me wholeheartedly - I genuinely can't thank everybody enough for all their kind donations and generosity to help me."

Senpai Phill said: "It's been a joy to teach Rhian for this, I'm very excited for her and it's a huge milestone for myself, it's a big honour to have one of my students selected to represent Great Britain at this event."

"My training has been tough for the preparation for 3rd dan - the biggest worry for me is that I'm the first to do this grade in Japan so nobody can tell me what to expect."

"Prior to this year all 3rd dan applicants could do this great in Great Britain. It's always been a dream of mine to one day go to Japan and train, so I'm fulfilling a 28 year dream and achieving something very special to me."

"The support from Shihan Paul, Shihan Mac Robertson and from my mentor Sensei Richard Males, who still teaches me despite his retirement from Kyokushin, has been excellent."

"I hope I come back with the right results. But also not forgetting the support from my students, without them it would have been a great struggle."

"But more importantly, the support from my wife and children in this, I've spent what seems like endless days training and away from them, I'm very grateful to have such a supportive family."

The club operate out of Castleland Community Centre and have separate adult and junior classes - for more information you can find them on Facebook or go to www.bkkc.co.uk.

Pictured above, left to right are: Shihan Paul Greenway (branch chief of Wales) Rhian Evans (assistant instructor) Senpai Phill Sedgmond (chief instructor) Sensei Richard Males (former chief instructor) with their Team GB tracksuits.